

Former Pastor Here Dies Suddenly

For many years in the ministry, Rev. Thomas Laidlaw, retired United Church minister, 72, died suddenly early Sunday morning at his home, 55 Ravina Crescent, Toronto. He preached Sunday, March 7, in St. Luke's United Church, where he had been supplying for the past year.

Mr. Laidlaw apparently made a good recovery from the flu and seemed quite himself again, but on Saturday night he sat listening to the radio, when he commenced a violent coughing which continued as he went to bed. At four o'clock Sunday morning he died with shocking suddenness.

Mr. Laidlaw was born in Peel County and received his education at Brampton high school and the University of Toronto. He later graduated in theology from Victoria College and was ordained a minister in the Methodist Church. Among the charges served were churches at Epsom, Thornloe, Heathcote, Stayner, Owen Sound and Stouffville. Mr. Laidlaw retired from Stouffville six years ago last June, and moved to Toronto at that time. He was a past chairman of Grey County Presbytery. Mr. Laidlaw had been a resident of Toronto since his superannuation in 1936.

Surviving are his widow, Elizabeth Williams Laidlaw; two sons, Winston, overseas, and Gerald, with the R.C.O.C. at Kingston, and two daughters (Jessie) Mrs. John Kinross and Mary Laidlaw, both of Toronto.

A large representation from the Toronto East Presbytery attended the funeral to Mount Pleasant cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

The service was held at the Trull Funeral Home, Danforth Ave., and was conducted by Rev. Clarke B. Lawson, B.D., chairman of the Toronto East Presbytery, assisted by Rev. C. W. Watch, 92-year-old friend of the deceased. Rev. John Ferguson gave the address and Rev. George Service said a personal word on his relationship with the late Mr. Laidlaw.

"Mr. Laidlaw was one of Christ's free men living by the Word," said Mr. Ferguson in his address.

The pallbearers were: Reverends Harold Toye, George Service, H. Melow, W. Wallace, G. B. McLennan, and J. C. Cochrane.

Among the Stouffville people who attended the funeral were noticed, Rev. D. Davis, Mr. Isaac Barkey, Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Klinck, Mr. Roy Grove, Miss Isabel Collard. Very kindly reference was made to Mr. Laidlaw's ministry in this town, his last charge before retirement.

USED IMPLEMENTS SELL CLOSE TO PRICES FOR NEW GOODS

Evidence of the keen demand for good used farm implements was demonstrated last week at the sale on the farm of George W. Hunt, on the Don Mills Rd. when a purely farm implement sale saw 15 pieces sold in 45 minutes by Clarke Prentice, auctioneer. The 15 items realized \$800 or just within \$100 of present cost of new implements.

OUTSTANDING AUCTION

The big farm stock sale on Wednesday next week, March 24th, belonging to John W. Brumwell at corner of the Don Mills Road and Steele's Ave. promises to be the biggest auction of the season between Stouffville and Toronto. Mr. Brumwell is now a patient in the San at Gravenhurst while Mrs. Brumwell is a patient in the hospital at Whitby consequently they are forced to retire from farming.

The big farm of 200 acres is nicely stocked and finely equipped with modern and heavy implements. Implements will feature, the sale as some machines being offered are practically unobtainable at present. The farm has been rented to Art. Denby, Clarke Prentice, auctioneer, announces.

WEEKLY PRESS CHIEF TO ADDRESS FARMERS

On Friday night of this week, March 19th, the Holstein breeders of York County will meet in the Women's Institute Hall, at Buttonville for their annual banquet. The speaker will be Mr. C. V. Charters of Brampton, manager of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

Mr. Charters was one of the members of the press delegation that went to Great Britain last fall by bomber and the group became known as the "Bomber Press." His story of what they saw while in the Old Country should prove exceptionally interesting and the directors of the Holstein Club report a keen demand for tickets. Anyone interested should get in touch with the nearest director at once as no more tickets will be sold than the hall can accommodate. Local directors include Lloyd

MECHANIC WITH R.C.A.F.



Ivan Goudie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Goudie, Stouffville who enlisted as a mechanic with the R.C.A.F. last July. For some time now Ivan has been stationed at St. Thomas, but is being transferred this week to Dauphin, Manitoba.

GIVE TO RUSSIAN RELIEF

The pupils of Grades IV and V, Room IV, of the Stouffville Public School have through their daily contributions for two weeks, donated the sum of five dollars to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. Miss Gladys Brooks and her scholars are to be congratulated.

GOODWOOD LOSES AGED RESIDENT MRS. C. FINE

The death of Mrs. Charles Fine at the home of her niece Mrs. Edward Taylor on Tuesday, removes one of the oldest residents of Goodwood district who was born there, and excepting for a few years in Toronto, she spent her long life in the locality. Mrs. Fine was in her 81st year.

She was widely known as Armanda Hackney and for a good many years before marriage lived with Mrs. Nelson Wagg. After giving up this employment she then Armanda Hackney went to Toronto where she met and married Charles Fine who predeceased her. They had no family. Mrs. Fine returned to Goodwood and took up residence with her niece four years ago. Dropsy was the ultimate cause of her death.

The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon from the Taylor home at Garabaldi at 2.30 p.m. to Goodwood cemetery for interment.

CALLING BLOOD DONORS

While a goodly number have offered their blood for the Red Cross Clinic to be held here shortly there is still need for more donors. If you are between 18 and 55, hand your name to any member of the Lions Club. Your act may save a life.

Tuesday's Concert a Real Treat

Despite the bad weather on Tuesday night, several hundred persons gathered in the Stouffville United Church for the joint choir and band concert, proceeds to benefit the band. Those who did brave the elements were certainly not sorry, and the fine entertainment they enjoyed most certainly warrants a repeat performance.

In addition to the numbers by the band and choir, vocal solos were rendered by Derrick Chadwick, boy soprano, who sang, "White Cliffs of Dover" and "Johnny Doughboy"; Mrs. D. R. Chadwick, soprano, "For You Alone," and "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise"; Carl Boardway, tenor, "Rose of Tralee" and "I've Something Sweet to Tell You." The band, led by Bandmaster Alex. Ridley delighted the audience with several snappy march numbers and provided other duets and trios. One of those which merited specific mention by the leader, was the trio composed of Stanley Schmidt, Stanley Burkholder and Wilbur Smalley who played an arrangement of "Flow Gently Sweet Avon" and "Wan-nel-ta," composed by themselves.

There were various other instrumental contributions by band members. Some \$50.00 will be turned over to the band fund. Rev. Douglas Davis spoke briefly at the close of the concert, and called upon all those present to do everything possible to keep Stouffville band alive, especially in view of that fact that many of those in larger centres were gradually disbanding due to war conditions and other difficulties.

BIRTHS

HENNESSEY—At Windsor Hospital, on Saturday, March 13th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hennessey, (Gertrude Boyd) a daughter.

Turner, Stouffville; Jos. Darlington and George W. Henry Todmorden; and Stanley B. Watson of Agincourt.

County Taxes Down \$700 in Whitchurch

County taxes will be down by about \$700 in the Township of Whitchurch it was revealed in a report read to the council at their March meeting last Saturday, but cost of snow plowing will greatly overshadow this item when once the accounts are all in after the roads are finally opened.

The council, presided over by deputy Reeve Lorne P. Evans in the absence through illness of Reeve Geo. H. Leary, received a petition signed by eight summer residents at Lake Wilcox protested against a continuance of the summer garbage collection on the ground that the cost was excessive. The petition filed some years ago by nearly 300 ratepayers, prayed that a garbage collection be instituted, and since that time the number of residents has greatly increased.

Acting Reeve Evans thought that the matter of health entered into the situation, and it was decided to refer the petition to Dr. Williams, M.O.H. Cost to the ratepayers is merely the amount paid to the garbage man. The administration is borne by the township.

George DeWitt, Gormley, wrote council declaring he had shot a neighbor's dog that was molesting his chickens. As the offense had been committed before, he deemed the only thing to do was to destroy the dog. He asked for the \$5 bounty, but the clerk was instructed to advise Mr. DeWitt that the bounty only applied to dogs killed for molesting sheep or cattle.

D. H. Hall was awarded \$20.00 for one sheep killed by dogs and George Hunt was awarded \$3 for one sheep killed, by resolution introduced by Councillor L. J. Harper.

Road liability insurance with F. A. Lundy, Newmarket, was renewed at a cost of \$160.60 same rate as last year.

Relief for January totalled only \$115, mostly for fuel and groceries, while hospitalization was down to \$71.47. A large number of road accounts mostly for shovelling snow, were ordered paid after being scrutinized.

The Vandorf Community Hall Board was reappointed as follows: G. H. Leary, L. J. Harper, Mrs. H. Dewsbury, Mrs. J. Hennessey, J. A. Clarke, Mrs. A. H. VanNostrand, W. D. Richardson.

Municipal Election Likely in Markham Township

Owing to the death of Reeve Jas. Rennie there will be a municipal nomination meeting held in Markham Township and there is very indication that it will be followed by an election contest. Nominations will be held on Monday, March 29, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Charlie Hooper has resigned and is likely to receive an acclamation for the reeveship. Councillor W. L. Clark and Councillor Harry Barber have also resigned from the council, so that they may contest the deputy reeveship vacated by Charlie Hooper. This means there will be room for two new men on the council. Of course either Clark or Barber could change their mind and ask for a return to the council, but it is not likely either of them would take this step after having resigned with the avowed intention of contesting a higher office.

With the nomination meeting on March 29, at Unionville the election if demanded, will be held one week later, or on Monday, April 5th.

DAUGHTER OF AIR ACE SERVING



Daughter of an air ace of the last war is Air-woman Margaret Brown of Stouffville, climbing out of a plane after a familiarization flight. Her father, Capt. Roy Brown, shot down the German air ace Richtofen.

ROBINS ARE BACK!

Although Spring is not legally here until this coming Sunday, a flock of robins arrived in Claremont last Monday, "beating the gun" by a week. No less than sixteen robins appeared at one time on the lawn of Mrs. John Spenceley where they were welcomed with a good meal by the lady of the house. This is the first report of returning feathered folk that we have had, and it certainly is a record.

Began Day as Usual Dies Suddenly

One of the oldest men in town, William Crossen passed away on Tuesday morning rather suddenly despite the fact he had been in delicate health for a number of years. He had gone down stairs as usual the morning of his death, and partook of breakfast when he suddenly collapsed and soon passed away. He was in his 85th year.

William Crossen came from Scotland when only a lad of eleven years. As a young man he took a position on the well known Renfrew farms and soon became manager there, a position he held for 23 years. Later he operated the Dr. John Storey farm, and thence came to Stouffville in 1913, thirty years ago. He worked on the dray for Edward Walls, and later bought the Ben. Birkett dray business which he conducted until he retired a few years ago. That was the last dray business in town carried on by a horse drawn vehicle, excepting the express wagon still in operation by C. Cadieux.

In January 1942 Mr. Crossen lost his life partner, whose maiden name was Mary McKinnon, sister of the late Robert and John McKinnon. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. George Heslin, of New Jersey; Miss Gertrude Crossen, Toronto; and Miss Myrtle of Stouffville, also three sons, Albert J. A. Crossen of Lindsay; Ernest in Hamilton, and Fred in town and with whom the father lived. One brother living in London survives Mr. Crossen, also three sisters in Oakville, and one in Toronto.

The funeral on Friday afternoon will take place to Stouffville Cemetery, Dr. Thomas Mitchell who united Mr. and Mrs. Crossen in marriage many years ago, and Rev. D. Davis will conduct the service at the late home at 2 o'clock.

LITTLE PORKERS BRING \$8.50 AT JOHNSON SALE

One more record-selling auction sale has been recorded at Goodwood, when on Tuesday afternoon Auctioneer A. S. Farmer sold the farm stock and implements on the farm of Forest Johnston which totalled \$2,700. Fancy prices for swine featured the selling. Pigs only nine weeks old sold for \$8.50, while a sow and eight youngsters brought \$87.00. Cows also sold well, one critter bringing \$110 and her calf only a day old \$20.00.

It teemed rain throughout the sale but this didn't dampen the ardour of the buyers who were there in good numbers.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. John Ayres of Claremont was removed to Brierbush Hospital on Tuesday. Mrs. Ayres had only been back home for two weeks from the hospital when her ill health forced her to return.

Grand Response to Local Red Cross Drive for \$3700

Those who Refuse Even a Small Donation May be Counted on One Hand—Total Now \$2,243.75.

Stouffville is responding nobly to reach the Red Cross objective for this village and that section of Whitchurch lying east of the 5th concession and south of the Ballantrae road. Up to Tuesday night there has been reported in, the handsome sum of \$2,243.75. The objective is \$3,700, which is very high in comparison to many other places, but the canvassers believe they can reach it because the people are responding so generously.

Below we give a list of the donors reported in some days ago, and next week we will follow up with a larger and more complete list of the remaining donations. If your name does not appear in the givings below, they will be reported later.

It is interesting to note that scarcely a business man in Stouffville has failed to rally to the cause. Indeed it is said that when the campaign is closed the givings of the business men will be registered one hundred per cent. They are not mean gifts either.

After the campaign closes this paper will publish a summary of the canvassers with the totals each group collected. This will be in addition to the individual givings reported. The canvassers for the village are, J. H. Ratcliff, A. C. Burkholder, H. Bannerman, A. G. Thompson, A. V. Nolan, Ira Aldred, Walter Brillinger, E. A. Button, Jos. Borinsky, H. W. Sanders, Mrs. George Storey, Mrs. Robert Johnston, Mrs. J. B. Sanders, Mrs. James Turner, Miss Gertrude Todd, Mrs. Reg. Button, Mrs. J. H. Ratcliff, Mrs. Del. Jennings, Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. R. L. Barker, Mrs. F. L. Button, Miss Myrtle Watson. For the most part these collectors have been placed in pairs and we intend to give the result of the canvass made by each group.

Canadians everywhere are grateful that the horrors of war, such as air raid invasion, has been kept away from our country. It is to be hoped that it will always remain so. Should such a condition arise, the Red Cross would be ready to succor those who are bombed out. In gratefulness for the position we are in your gift is a silent prayer.

- Robert Snowball \$ 10 00
- A. C. Burkholder 25 00
- A. E. Carswell 20 00
- C. H. Bell 10 00
- Harvey Schell 10 00
- Miss Ila Rose 5 00
- Harry Golden 10 00
- J. K. Agnew 50 00
- Ira Aldred 50 00
- Roy Curtis 25 00
- A. E. Weldon 25 00
- Norman O'Boyle 10 00
- E. R. Daniels 5 00
- A. W. Wilkinson 25 00
- William Harding 1 00
- David L. Stouffer 5 00
- Dr. S. T. Bodendistel 25 00
- Truman Baxter 5 00
- H. Love 25 00
- Delbert Holden 10 00
- Percy Brillinger 10 00
- George J. Storey 25 00
- A. E. Thompson 10 00
- F. H. Sangster 25 00
- Estate of Dr. W. A. Sangster 50 00
- Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Good 25 00
- Walter Brillinger 15 00
- Milton Smith 10 00
- George Aston 50 00
- Wesley Schell 25 00
- Mrs. Mary Doten 2 00
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crossen 2 00
- Mrs. Alex. Grubin 2 00
- Miss A. Silversides 2 00
- Miss Violet Hoover 3 00
- Mr. and Mrs. Del. Jennings 3 00
- A. V. and Charles H. Nolan 50 00
- Miss Irene Foster 5 00
- Miss Gladys Brooks 5 00
- Miss Anne Lehman 5 00
- R. L. Barker 5 00
- Mrs. Noah Stouffer 5 00
- Miss Edna Hoover 12 00
- Mr. D. M. Hoover 1 00
- Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hoover 10 00
- Mrs. Mabel Taylor 10 00
- Mr. and Mrs. C. Stouffer 10 00
- Miss Mary Daley 25 00
- Mrs. George Watson 50 00
- Mrs. Fanny Lehman 1 00
- Mrs. M. McGrogan 2 00
- Mrs. S. B. Hoover 10 00
- Miss Clara Sherrick 1 00
- Mrs. David Snider 1 00
- Miss Jane Burkitt 2 00
- Mrs. Thomas Klinck 5 00
- Mrs. J. Eddington 1 00
- Mr. Frank Rowbotham 50 00
- Mrs. Robert Stevens 20 00
- Wilbert J. Gower 1 00
- Mrs. Robert Burnett 1 00
- Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pennock 5 00
- Mr. John Dyck 25 00
- Mrs. George H. Saunders 1 00
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lintner 1 00
- Mrs. Erle Miller 5 00
- Mrs. Henry Vanzant 2 00
- Mrs. Carman Morris 1 00
- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malloy 1 00
- Mrs. Levi Forsyth 2 00
- Miss Ethel Goudie 2 00
- Mrs. A. Steckley 1 00
- Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tarr 10 00

PRISONER GOES TO JAIL VICTIMS LOSE THEIR CASH

James Martin convicted of stealing over \$500.00 in cash from Boardway's Service Station, Unionville, and \$182 from Mason's drug store in Markham village, was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment on Monday. Martin is already serving a similar term for thefts at Uxbridge and other places. Unfortunately none of the people victimized got any of their cash back. Martin did away with it all.

Death Ends Long Illness of Uxbridge Township Mother

Following a long illness of at least one year in bed Mrs. Leslie Morgason passed away at her home on Lot 13, Concession 2, Uxbridge, last Thursday in her 54th year. She bore her affliction with patience and fortitude, and her death came as a welcome relief to the suffering mother.

The late Mrs. Morgason was formerly Violet Nesbitt, daughter of the late George Nesbitt and Ellen Lockheart. She was born at Proton, Ontario, and came with her parents to Uxbridge 40 years ago where she met and married Leslie Morgason 30 years ago February 19. They located on the second concession of the same township, and to them were born four sons and two daughters, all of whom survive the beloved mother together with the bereaved husband, also one brother in Toronto. The surviving children are George, Clifford (in the armed forces) Lorne, Harold, Gertrude and Grace.

The funeral on Sunday from the late home 'just south' of Garabaldi proceeded to Stouffville cemetery for interment. The service was taken by Rev. G. W. Brown of the Christian church at Ringwood where Mrs. Morgason attended when a girl. The Stafford trio sang, "The Old Rugged Cross," very effectively. The pall bearers were Messrs. Jos. Cooper, Ed. Taylor, Robert Hope, Arthur Dowsell, Arthur Baker, W. Nesbitt.

OFFICER'S DAUGHTER KILLED BY TRUCK

On her way to a motion picture show being given for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in the Anglican Church at Agincourt, Rose Mary Kenzie, 5, daughter of Pte. Lt. W. A. Kenzie of the R.C.A.F., was killed on Saturday afternoon when she ran into the path of a truck on Main Street in that village.

Chief Constable Thomas Draycott and Constable Bert Laycoe saw the accident and the chief carried the girl into St. Timothy's Church. Dr. C. D. Farquharson, Coroner for Scarborough Township, investigated and said an inquest would be held. Driver of the truck was Wilfred Oster of Milliken. The child waited for an automobile to pass, then ran out into the path of the oncoming truck loaded with hay.

Ask \$25 to Fight Uxbridge Twp. Fires

At Uxbridge Township Council last Saturday Messrs. John M. Rae and Walter Beach were appointed to interview Claremont Fire Brigade respecting their suggested charge of \$25 per fire fought in Uxbridge township by the Claremont Brigade. Council discussed the matter before appointing a committee. The motion to appoint the two members named was made by Reeve Johnson and Councillor Dickinson.

FLYING OFFICER ELMER WINN MOVED TO NEW BRUNSWICK

Flying Officer Elmer Winn who has been stationed at Brandon, Man., has been transferred to a large camp in New Brunswick, where he expects to be stationed for some time.

- Eva Percy 1 00
- Fred Cockerill 1 00
- Mrs. D. Woodburn 2 00
- Margaret Goodyer 5 00
- Mrs. Ralph Hamilton 1 00
- Mr. Thos. Jennings 5 00
- Mrs. Henry Hodgson 2 00
- Miss Ida Lehman 1 00
- Mrs. W. Vanzant 1 00
- Charles Ward 2 00
- William Morris 1 00