

\$15,000 Fire Wipes Out the Gormley Elevators

The Gormley elevator, 8 miles west of Stouffville, was completely destroyed by fire on Friday afternoon, together with some 3,000 bushels of grain. Total loss is placed at \$15,000. Frank Harvey, proprietor, was at the elevator at the time. He had just started the mill at about 3.30 when the fire broke out. After attempting to extinguish it himself, he gave the alarm by telephone.

Firemen from Stouffville, Unionville and Richmond Hill arrived, but they could not do anything to save the building or contents. They did, however, prevent the flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

The elevator was half-filled with wheat, oats and barley which were about to be ground into stock feed.

The loss is a serious blow to the farmers who depended on the mill for grinding their feed. This is particularly so since the Mill at Almfra was recently burned.

Gormley Elevator was built within a year or two after the C.N.R. line went through Gormley in 1906. It was put up by H. H. Powers and operated for Canada Grain Company. Later the place was acquired by the late Joe Cherry and Geo. Leary, and finally was owned outright by Mr. Leary. He sold it to Frank Harvey about ten years ago, and it's capacity was enlarged.

Five tons of laying mash went up in the blaze, which will be almost impossible to replace. Another regrettable loss was two tons of binder twine on order by farmers of the district who had not called for it.

Notwithstanding some insurance there will be a serious loss. Mr. Harvey may be wondering if things just have to run in threes as this is the third fire he has suffered. The mill was destroyed at Unionville, and later the Miller's residence was gutted on the townline, 5th concession of Whitchurch.

Since there is no waterpower to augment the power required there is some speculation as to what Mr. Harvey will do about rebuilding.

Weekly Newsmen and Politicians at Brampton Funeral

Member of the House of Commons for Peel County for five years and a former mayor of Brampton Samuel Charters, 79, was buried on Saturday afternoon in Brampton cemetery following a public service in Christ Church there where he had attended from boyhood.

Being an old newspaper man and owner of the Brampton Conservator also because his son C. V. Charters is prominent in the newspaper field as manager of the Canadian Weeklies Association, many publishers attended the funeral, including A. O. Hebb, Newmarket Era; George Lake of Kirkland Lake News; J. Smith, Richmond Hill Liberal; Alex. McLaren, Barrie Examiner; David Williams, Collingwood Bulletin; George James, Bowmanville Statesman; A. V. Nolan, The Tribune, Stouffville.

The honorary pall bearers included Lt. Col. George Drew, Hon. George S. Henry, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Lt. Col. T. L. Kennedy, W. B. Roadhouse, Gordon Grayden, Hugh Clark.

MANY AT SHOWER FOR MR. and MRS. JOHN COLLEY

More than 80 people gathered at the home of Rev. Samuel Goudie on Monday evening to tender a miscellaneous shower to Mr. and Mrs. John Colley who were recently married. The bride who was the former Jean Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh east of Stouffville, is highly regarded in the locality and among her more intimate friends in the M.B.C. church. Many splendid and useful gifts were seen, and many complimentary remarks passed and good wishes extended to the young couple. The groom is in the army, hence Mrs. Colley will resume her position in Toronto for the duration. A program and games filled an evening of real enjoyment. Mr. Ed. Good acted as master of ceremonies.

Stouffville's oldest citizen, Joseph McMullen, 91, is not in very good health, but hopes to recover so that he may again work his large garden as he has done for so many seasons.

Mrs. Lennox of Bowmanville, former-resident, is in town this week visiting her daughter Mrs. Joseph Cooney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boadway (Olive Johnston) were here from Hanover for Easter visiting their respective parents. Harold is assistant pastor of the Hanover M.B.C. Church.

SAFELY IN ENGLAND



Word was received on Good Friday morning by Mr. and Mrs. Lou Morden of the safe arrival of their son George in England. He said that on the same boat with him was Grace Bell and Lorne Kester from Stouffville, also Ken, May one-time teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia here. None of them, however, went to the same camp as George.

John Brown, Retired Farmer, Dead

Resident of the Stouffville district almost three quarters of a century John K. Brown died on Good Friday evening in his 75th year. The funeral from the late home in the west end of the village was to Lemonville cemetery on Monday afternoon. Rev. D. Davis conducted the service.

Only child of pioneer parents John first saw the light of day on the present Ham farm, 9th concession of Whitchurch, just north of town. When a wee laddie both his parents died, and he found a foster home with Mrs. William Irwin whom he came to know as a kind mother to him. They lived at Ballantrae, but when John reached full manhood he united in marriage with Nellie Lemon, daughter of the late George Lemon of Lemonville and sister of Misses Mary and Jessie Lemon, Church street. The couple took up farming there and followed this occupation until they retired in town twelve years ago, or in 1931.

The late Mr. Brown served as a school trustee for several years, also as a member of the Quarterly Board in the former Methodist church at Lemonville. He was of a quiet disposition and never sought public office. Surviving are his life partner and an only son Walter C. Brown at home.

In declining health for a couple of years Mr. Brown suffered a stroke eight weeks ago from which he never rallied.

MOTORISTS WHO GET INTO TROUBLE

Several motorists from Stouffville district paid fines in police court the past week for speeding, or driving without new markers. These two offences constituted the charges on summonses laid on information of Constable Russell, but then there was a dozen other car drivers who were caught coming into town by Constable Fleury of the York County force. He took up a position in the east end at the corner of the 10th concession north and issued summonses to every driver who failed to stop rounding that corner. None stopped and all got a blue paper. He also inspected brakes and ordered court action on this score.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP SALESMEN

Victory Bond salesmen for Markham Township are R. J. Allen, Gordon Brown, Walter Craig, R. D. Little, Alex. MacLeod, W. W. A. Treph, A. G. Troyer. Be ready to talk with them when they call at your farm.

WHITCHURCH GETS NEW RELIEF OFFICER

At a special meeting of the Whitchurch Township Council held on Friday evening, A. M. Caldwell, resident 2 1/2 miles north of Vandorf, was appointed as relief officer and officer in charge of indigent hospital cases, to succeed Constable Robert Windsor. The same pay as heretofore, \$200 per year, prevails.

At the same meeting the salary of Clerk John Crawford was increased to \$1,520 per annum, which was passed on the unanimous vote of council. Reeve George Leary presided, and all members were present.

Charity Sale To Support Air Cadets

A White Elephant Sale in support of the Stouffville Air Cadets will be held in Stouffville on the evening of Tuesday, June 1st. The sale will be conducted by Auctioneer A. S. Farmer, and articles donated may be placed in the former Cafe premises, opposite the Town Hall, at any time.

Housecleaning is just the time to dispose of some of those cast-off articles in the attic, such things for which you have no more use, but in which there are still years of service.

The neighboring farming community is also appealed to, to donate to the sale. Many of the boys who are receiving the excellent cadet training come from our surrounding farms, and this is an opportunity to assist in the work at no expense to yourself.

Read the display adv. in this issue and fill out the form and mail to either Chairman Douglas Davis, or secretary, C. H. Nolan, Stouffville. Further details later.

WILD BEAR STORY ALARMS THE DISTRICT

Last Thursday afternoon a hurried call came to the office over the telephone imploring the editor or some member of the staff to come quickly to the 10th concession of Markham just below the town where two wild bears were boldly roaming in a field on the farm of Harold Wright.

"Just our luck" said the reporter. "The car is away for a couple of hours." Before we were able to head for the scene of "hostilities" Nels. Byer and others rushed to the farm, and even rushed back to report that the two bears were a couple of Newfoundland dogs, quiet and docile as harmless kittens. Constable Ben. Gayman, Markham cop, was also ordered to the scene, and if he ever got there he is not saying anything about it.

"As soon as I sighted the animals, I had to laugh," said Mr. Byer. "I have seen a lot of bears, and never saw one yet with a long bushy tail."

IN TRAINING AT SIDNEY, N.S.

Grant Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner, who had offered his services to the Navy some months ago, and who during the interval was working in Toronto, was ordered to report last Thursday. He was given his medical then a uniform, and rushed off to Sidney, N.S., for training. Naturally folks at home were deeply disappointed because Grant wasn't given time to make so much as an overnight call out home.

MARVELLOUS ORGANIZATION IN AFRICA, SAYS LOCAL BOY

"The Allies have a marvellous organization in the present fight in North Africa," says LAC Jack Sanders of Stouffville, who is with an R.C.A.F. squadron fighting in the present campaign, and from whom a letter has just arrived to the Comfort Fund, and which was written on March 31st.

Jack continued, "It has been pretty mild here this winter and after last summer one notices the heat less than the cold nights. Every day the war out here improves a little in our favour, with all appearances of a complete victory in the near future. I've seen most of the places that are in the news today, and can only say that they're just good for one thing, and that is fighting."

NOW IN THE NAVY



Glenn Ratcliff, son of Mr. James Ratcliff of Stouffville and proprietor of the Ratcliff & Co. Grocery, left town on Monday of this week to join the Royal Canadian Navy. Glenn, one of our younger business-men, has turned his business over to Mr. Macgregor, who will operate the store in his absence. Glenn will be stationed with a Supply Unit of the Navy.

Meat Rationing Will Not Interrupt the Beef Rings

All Farmers Escape too, But Many Small Butchers will get No License.

The fears about meat rationing may soften down to something quite bearable, so far as farmers are concerned when it comes into effect shortly, but scores of smaller butcher shops will be put out of business. The fate of butchers in Stouffville, Markham, Clarendon, is not fully determined, although 12,000 across Canada will cease to operate.

There are decisions yet to be made in regard to the regulations, but it has been agreed at headquarters that killing on the farm for home use will not be disturbed and beef rings may function as of yore. However, the officials have declared that the beef-ring membership must be 100 per cent. bona fide farmers. Producers who purchase their meat through the regular channels of trade will, of course, be subject to the rationing regulations, but provision will be made for special occasions such as threshing and silo filling when extra allowances will be available.

These and other interesting points were discussed at a conference held in Toronto on Saturday, April 17, when representatives of the Foods Administration, the Agricultural Supplies Board and the Bacon Board met a group of farm paper editors who came from as far as Moncton on one side and Edmonton on the other. The entire day was given over to a study of prospective supplies, consumption needs and the intricate problems of rationing.

It developed in the discussion that while meat is to be rationed on the basis of two pounds per head per week for all ages (from the cradle to the grave) it will not work out just that way. There will be groups of meats, according to quality and bone content, and the coupon will secure more weight of one group than it will of another. The women will have some mighty important decisions to make.

Farmers may still kill their own meat or have it killed for them. They may exchange with or sell to their neighbours who are bona fide farmers. The locker system may still be used by rural producers as a place to store meat that will be used in the farm homes. While farmers are not subject to all the regulations of the meat rationing system they are asked to conform with the spirit of the law. In other words, farm people are placed on their honour in respect to meat rationing.

It is altogether likely that many small slaughterers who have become killers in 1941 or 1942 and others who are doing only a small business of that kind will not be licensed. As many as 12,000 may be obliged to cease. This regulation, however, will not be enforced in deficit and remote areas where the meat supply is scanty or altogether inadequate. If rationing has a depressing effect on cattle prices the Government stands prepared to support the market.

RADIO GRADUATE



Walter Latcham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Latcham of Uxbridge Township who has just graduated from the Radio College of Canada as a wireless operator and is being stationed at Edmonton on the staff of the Department of Transport. Walter received his public schooling at Glasgow.

CATTLE BRING \$6,480

A dispersal sale of the Highland Lake farm herd at Oak Ridges this week brought \$6,480 for 30 head of pure-bred Holstein cattle. Bonnie Vale Inka, a cow, brought \$410, top price of the sale. The herd sire, Humbercrest Echo Pietje, brought \$290. The cattle were owned by Mrs. Gordon Trent.

NEW LIBERAL LEADER ?



HON. H. C. NIXON
In a statement issued here today, Hon. H. C. Nixon, M.P.P. for Brant and former Provincial Secretary, expressed confidence that he will be elected leader when the Ontario Liberal Association holds its convention in Toronto starting Thursday.

Expect Work at Reservoirs to Commence at Once

It is expected that work will commence this week on the construction of the new hydro line from the 5th concession of Whitchurch three-quarters of a mile east to the reservoir on the Ratcliff farm where the spring creek is shortly to be dammed up and an additional water supply obtained to augment the amount of water going into the two big reservoirs that serve the householders of Stouffville.

The spring creek rising on the property is 25 feet below the reservoirs and the water has to be pumped back through a pipe line into the reservoirs, which is to be done by the use of a 3-quarter horse power motor and a water pump. There are long seasons of the year when this extra supply will not be required, and pumping charges will be a very insignificant expenditure.

Efforts will be made to let a contract for the construction of the dam and a miniature reservoir (from which the water will be raised to the big reservoirs) right away, and it is hoped that the augmented water supply can be utilized in the system this summer.

Mrs. Cora Menzies, of Toronto, spent the holiday weekend with her mother Mrs. Henry Vanzant and her sister Mrs. Ida Klidd. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and family of Ajax also visited at the Vanzant home on East-er Day.

AB'S TRUCK TAKES FIRE

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Ab. Lehman's truck suddenly took fire as it stood in front of John Monkhouse's tailor shop as Mr. Lehman worked in the store room for salvage next door. Flames shot out from under the hood, and not until Jack Silverthorn rushed from his garage with a fire extinguisher could the fire be subdued. Cause of the fire is a mystery although it must have been from a short circuit in the wiring. Damage may be about \$30.

BETHESDA BOY GRADUATED

Corp. Jack McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McIntyre of Bethesda was among the graduates at the Hamilton Trade School last Thursday and is now a qualified instrument mechanic with the R.C.O.C. His sister Greta and Mr. Wes. Brillinger were in Hamilton for the graduation ceremony.

BIRTHS

FARROTT—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on April 24, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parrott, Uxbridge Township, a son.

PENNANEN—At Markham on April 24, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Pennanen, Stouffville, a son.

Mrs. Levi Hoover, recently admitted to the local hospital, is reported as about holding her own, but not showing much sign of improvement.

New Local Bus to Be King of the Road

A huge big tractor bus has been purchased by Woodward's Bus Service operating between Stouffville and Ajax and is expected to be in service here this week. The monster is 44 1/2 feet long, and is therefore bigger than anything operating in the district.

The new bus has a seating capacity for 50 people and will carry a hundred passengers. This new bus, along with the Mac bus recently purchased but which is not yet in use, will give the Ajax passengers service for 160 people. These two busses will handle all the business between Stouffville and Ajax, and the other busses will be disposed of. Mr. Woodward is bent on giving service and never hesitates to invest imposing sums of money when the situation warrants it.

Salvage Collection Here Next Week

A systematic salvage collection will be made by the Stouffville Lions Club in conjunction with the Air Cadet Committee beginning next Monday, May 3rd. Townsfolk are asked to prepare their salvage now and the truck will call. Papers, magazines, rags, cardboard cartons, books, etc., will be taken, but people are asked not to put out tin cans and broken glass. There is no market for these articles, and they may be properly disposed of at the annual Can Collection.

The town has been divided into zones, and the collection will cover a period of six nights, one zone being cleared each evening. The south-west section, extending west of the C.N.R. and south of Main Street will be collected next Monday, May 3rd, so prepare now and have your salvage ready. Material may still be left at the Salvage Depot on Main St. See display adv. announcing the collection zones in detail.

Jack Leadbetter, Butcher, Dead

The death of John Leadbetter of Markham in his 42nd year on Tuesday this week was noted with great surprise by the many who knew him in and around Stouffville. Son of the late Mrs. Leadbetter and Charles Leadbetter, Jack was the Markham butcher and was very popular in a wide circle of friends. Deceased operated the Leadbetter farm as well as the butcher shop in Markham.

Born in England he came to Canada when a mere lad with the family who have lived in Markham and Stouffville district for most of their time here. Besides the father Jack is survived by his wife and daughter and by one brother Harry Leadbetter of Mount Albert and three sisters, Mrs. Robert Woodcock and Mrs. Pat. Pitt of Markham, and Mrs. Nelson Smith, 7th Concession of Markham. The funeral will be held from the farm home of the deceased on Thursday afternoon.

G. STAUFFER HEADS MENNONITE YOUTH

Average offerings increased from \$2.46 per member in 1941 to \$3.52, a jump of 43 per cent. It was reported at the annual convention of the Young People's Societies of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ held on Good Friday at the Toronto Bible College.

One new society was formed during the year, at Lion's Head.

Convention president, O. Clauser, of Toronto, was in charge of the meetings. He was assisted by H. Reichard, president of the Bethel Chapel Society, who welcomed the delegates.

Speakers for the day included R. Tompkins, Listowel; Miss E. Fridham, Stayner, and W. Hunking, Corbetton.

An open forum was conducted by E. R. Storme, Lion's Head. Missionary addresses were brought by Miss I. Hollinbeck of Nigeria, and Miss B. Cordell from China.

Rev. T. Christie Innes, M.A., F.R.A.S., was speaker at the evening session and the Ambassador Male Singers sang.

Officers elected were: President G. Stauffer, Kitchener; vice-president, R. Tompkins, Listowel, and secretary treasurer, T. A. Warder, Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean of Whitby; also Mrs. Doris Johnston and her daughter Heather, and Mrs. Derry, all of the Queen City visited over the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jennings and Audrey.