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PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS GET SALARY INCREASES

The school board held a special session on Monday evening and advanced the teaching staff of the public school from \$1,000 to \$1,100 for assistant teachers, and increased the principal by a similar sum from \$1,500 to \$1,600.

The increases granted amount to a little less than a mill on the tax rate.

Nazis Still Shackle Two Local Boys

Prisoners of war since the Dieppe adventure, Bruce Lintner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Lintner, and Fred Castle, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Castle, are still wearing German shackles, according to a letter received by Mrs. Castle, which was written in a German prison camp about the middle of March.

Fred said it was one of the happiest days of his life at time of writing since he had received his first parcel from home since he was a guest of Mr. Hitler.

A liberal supply of cigarettes, more than he ever possessed at any one time in his life before, had reached him as well as other good things from home. Fred reports that he is receiving ample clothing from the Canadian Red Cross, but appreciates "eats" from home.

Regarding the shackling, he says that he is wearing Hitler's bracelets nine hours a day, but there is a play of nine inches in the chain so he is not worried about the ordeal.

ELEPHANT SALE INTERESTING EVENT

The White Elephant sale under auspices of the Stouffville Lions on Tuesday evening drew a great crowd of people. The donated goods were sold by Auctioneer A. S. Farmer in front of the fire hall, and realized within a few cents of \$80.

It was the greatest exchange of goods one could recall taking place in a long time. People rummaged the attic and the family trunk for things they didn't need, but might be useful to some one else, and then donated them to the Lions to be sold by auction. The proceeds will be used for cadet expenses.

Old Resident of Altona is Dead

Mr. John Scott of Claremont, received a telegram on Wednesday morning announcing the death of Mrs. Benj. Palmer, who passed away at her home in Vancouver on Tuesday in her 88th year. She was a constant reader of The Tribune and through the weekly paper followed closely the events of each week in the old home district of Altona where she spent her early life.

Mrs. Palmer is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Jones, and by two brothers, Abijah and Rolph Jones all of Altona. Abijah is a patient at the Brierbush Hospital in town, also surviving are two sons, Hewston and Rolph Palmer and by two daughters Misses Sarah and Mary, all in western Canada. The daughters and mother lived together.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon and interment will be made in Vancouver cemetery, where Mrs. Palmer will find her final resting place beside her late husband who was laid away there a few years ago.

100 ACRES WITHOUT MAN FARMER IN HOSPITAL

Well known farmer just east of town, Ross Kester was removed to the Toronto General Hospital, on Friday for observation, to ascertain what his trouble was, since he had been very ill, and some inward development was feared.

The 100 acre Kester farm, (known as the old Freel place,) was without a man on it Monday morning as a result of the misfortune that overcame the owner, but good neighbors are doing what they can to get in the seeding that is so long retarded. On Monday, Mrs. Kester informed The Tribune that the trouble had not yet been diagnosed. Mr. and Mrs. Kester's only son, Lorne, is overseas, and their only daughter, Lois, is attending McMaster University.

Black Market in Sugar Said Operating in this Locality

There is evidence that a black market in sugar is operating in the local district, and some of the farmers are incensed at the very idea. Said one of our farm residents to us the other day, "I was offered a bag of sugar for \$15, but I declined."

The farmer is annoyed to know that he is cut down to ten pounds for canning purposes, which he says will mean they won't be able to preserve more than half the fruit they normally put down. Since they are unable to market their fruit, it will go to waste.

Notwithstanding the need for sugar, this family just couldn't bring themselves to stoop to the buying of sugar in an illegal way, and so advised their would-be benefactor.

The thing is being carried on in a stealthy manner. The farmer wasn't told who the sugar would be supplied by, but merely received the intimation that if he wished the "accommodation" and would pay the price, he would tell the farmer what steps to take to get the sugar.

The government is aware of this situation, and is doing all possible it says, to hunt for the illegal perpetrators of the black market which has extended to almost everything that is being rationed. We were informed the other day, by a Toronto man, that he had been approached to procure a beer permit for which he would have no use as he didn't drink beer, but his informant promised to exchange it for a gasoline permit. With the country rampant with disloyalty on the part of so many, it is a wonder we make the progress we do toward winning the war.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SHOW AFFECTS OF WAR

Owing to the gasoline restrictions Mr. Truman Eagleson is closing his music studio in the Button block, and will discontinue his weekly visits to Stouffville, which he has maintained continuously for some fifteen years.

The town also lost the services of their band leader and United Church choir leader, Mr. A. Ridley, all of which reminds us that the community is out to suffer from the regulations created by the war.

The gas regulation has put these men out of our reach, while another regulation which forbids a new business starting is causing vacancies along the main street, and there may be others and more serious ones to follow.

The facts present a rather gloomy outlook for a thriving business town where the merchants are credited with being well to do, and enjoy a wide patronage.

Mrs. J. O. Totten is in town visiting her mother, Mrs. S. M. Warriner. Mr. Totten is attending the Hamilton United Church Conference in session this week.

TRIBUNE NEWS SPANS THE OCEAN

When The Tribune reported in the middle of April last that Fred Pike, 10th concession farmer living just north of No. 7 highway, had completed the sowing of 10 acres of oats on the 12th of April, the keen eye of Andy Clark picked up the morsel. He gave it over Neighborly News on his Sunday morning broadcast.

Now away over in England there sat a chap by the name of Bill Easy who was listening in on short wave, and did he prick up his ears when he heard about those oats. Well, imagine his interest, since 25 years before he was here in Canada and actually worked on the Pike farm. Like the prodigal son Mr. Easy sat right down and wrote home, something he had neglected to do for years, but he never had forgotten his old employer.

The whole story serves to indicate how news in your home town paper fairly circles the globe in a manner some people would never believe.

Creamery Personnel 25th Anniversary

At least 50 years ago a company of men banded together in Stouffville to establish a creamery, and Mr. Seneca Baker, who is still with us although over 90, was the first president. The concern built the present Stouffville Creamery Co. main building, and their first output of butter found a market in England. Half a century ago the rank and file of people preferred farmers' made butter, and a creamery had to go far afield to find a market.

This week the Stouffville Creamery Co. marks its 25th anniversary under present management. It was back in 1918 when the late Isaac Borinsky purchased the plant and equipment which at the time was actually closed up. By perseverance and thrift he built up an increased patronage, and steadily improved the plant at the same time. Later his son, Joseph came into partnership with the father and he is today the guiding light of the thriving creamery concern.

Modern churning machinery and appliances with competent help holds the Stouffville butter among the best makes, and the demand for this butter is far greater than the supply, which is curtailed only by the ability of the company to buy cream. More and more cream is the constant call.

Stouffville Creamery is a real asset to Stouffville. It brings many farmers to the village weekly, and it gives employment to a number of men each year round. The concern is one of our biggest customers for both water and light. We congratulate the company, its management and its employees on this the 25th anniversary occasion.

THREE-LEGGED CHICKEN

Charlie Brown on the 10th concession of Markham, has a leg-horn chick that embodied the instincts of the automobile world, since it carries a spare. The bird was hatched with a third or spare leg to its frame near the stern end, but makes use of its normal two legs for getting around and doing the scratching that chicks soon believe it is necessary to do. Since the freak chick is over a week old, Mr. Brown has expectation that some day somebody is going to be able to serve three legs from the platter where only one frame is to be carved.

ONE OF ELDEST RESIDENTS GIVES UP HOME

Mrs. Lemon Baker, west end, Stouffville, is giving up housekeeping, and no other explanation need be offered other than that Mrs. Baker is in her 87th year. Even after she was eighty Mrs. Baker delighted to do her own work, entertaining many friends. It never flustered her to prepare for 15 or 20 guests on special occasions.

For some time now Mrs. Baker has been living with her nephew Floyd Ratcliff and intends to remain there, so that she is calling an auction sale for Friday of next week when the entire household goods in her west end home will be sold by auction. The house will then be for rent.

NURSE BECOMES PATIENT

Miss Jean Pipher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pipher, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Oshawa Hospital at which institution she is a nurse in training. Favorable report on her condition comes in the latest word received by the parents.

Lions Hear of Rubber Development

Lion Don Chadwick of the Stouffville Machine & Tool Works addressed the Stouffville Lions' Club at their supper meeting on Monday evening. He told them about rubber, the natural product and the synthetic, and he produced samples of the raw material and the different synthetics involved to meet the war demands. In fact every kind of rubber (excepting rubber necks), was explained by Mr. Chadwick whose engineering knowledge gives him a deep insight on the development and manufacture of rubber. The whole talk and the samples displayed proved instructive and entertaining, and the members are going to have a greater respect for the great rubber companies, because of their accomplishments not only during the war but before war days, in bringing the manufactured rubber to the service of mankind as they have done.

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Lived 90 Years on Tenth St. Jos. McMullen Laid to Rest

WINDBREAKER MADE HERE, SERVES UNDER SEA

A windbreaker made by Miss Janet Brodie is doing service with a member of a submarine crew the maker has been informed through a letter received from overseas and reading as follows:

Dear Miss Brodie:

I expect you will wonder just who I am and why I'm writing this letter. It's to say "Thank You" for a very welcome addition to my kit, which was presented to me, when all our crew were given a similar garment at— in the Orkney Islands. It was a windbreaker, made undoubtedly by yourself, bearing the Maple Leaf and also your address. It was a trifle oversized, but in a brief spell at home, I soon had it slightly reduced in girth. I might add it's a fine thing to keep a person warm and easily the finest garment issued to our crew. Once again let me say Thank You.

Maybe you know it's none too warm in a submarine, and warm clothes and hard wearing ones at that are necessary. Your effort certainly fills all requirements. I should add I received this gift in September last year, but have not had an opportunity to write this before, we have been so very busy, doing our part of the job in winning the war, taking care of Axis ships that do venture to put to sea.

What do you think of the news from over here now? I hope you find it quite cheering and rest assured the countrymen of yours are doing fine.

So I will close now with a final word of Thanks to You and Your Society. The very best of health—happiness, and may you have peace again soon."

WORKMAN INJURED

Injured while working at the Reservoir property for the village of Stouffville last week, John Castle was removed to the General Hospital, believed to be suffering from broken ribs or possible spinal injury. Mr. Castle was injured when one leg of a tripod used for lifting, broke allowing the weight of a heavy pipe to fall on him.

TO TAKE O'BRIEN AVENUE HOME

It is reported on good authority that Mr. Chas. Atkinson is buying the Jos. Hoover home on O'Brien avenue, Stouffville. If the sale is completed it will mean that Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson will move to town, in which case they will be more than welcome.

To have been born and raised and to have lived for more than 91 years within a few rods of where he began his long life is the record made by Joseph McMullen, who died at his late home on Tenth street, on Saturday, May 29, 1943. He had passed his 91st birthday. Three weeks ago when a great grandson was born, (baby of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMullen), the fact was recorded that both the eldest and youngest resident of Stouffville was a McMullen.

Mr. McMullen was laid to rest in Stouffville cemetery on Monday afternoon, the service being in charge of Rev. H. Shantz of the M.B.C. church. The pall bearers were all grandsons.

Jos. McMullen was the eldest child born to William McMullen and his wife, Jane Scott, the father being the second generation on the then McMullen farm just below the village on the 10th concession, west side. Joe was one of a family of seven, the surviving sisters and brothers being, Jane Frampton of Neepawa, western Canada, Malinda Snodden, Toronto, Miss Martha McMullen and Henry of Stouffville. Two brothers, Sinclair and William predeceased Joe.

After his marriage to Margaret Pipher of Uxbridge township, 60 or more years ago, the population was mostly on 10th street and it was believed Tenth street would be the main business thoroughfare, but the coming of the railway altered all that. Joe McMullen attended school in a frame building that stood west of the present school and which is now part of the play grounds. He may have started school on Church street since he was 11 when it closed there in about 1862. He recalled the old tannery operating on Tenth St., but it closed when he was a small boy. He was a young man around 21 when he heard the first train whistle in Stouffville. It was a thriller and everybody was down to see the passenger go through. They called it the Nippissing narrow gage.

Joe was in great demand as a thresher for years, but later years helped his son Jacob on the farm, then he worked a large garden and certainly knew how to grow good crops of vegetables even when he was 90 years old.

He is survived by his life partner who waited on him during his final illness despite her own advancing years, and by two sons, Jacob and Theophilus. Another son, Robert, died not so long ago in Toronto.

Joseph McMullen recalled only a couple of weeks ago to the reporter that he well remembered the O'Brien avenue section of the town, when it was well wooded, and he thought it as wet and boggy at that time.

DICKSON HILL RESIDENT WORKS UXBRIDGE FARM

William Grove of Dickson Hill, who rented the Wm. Johnston farm on the 6th of Uxbridge, has about completed putting in the crop this spring. He has more than six acres in potatoes, and with his one son the couple "batch" it on the farm while Mrs. Grove looks after the family and the home place at the Hill. The 100 acre farm was the property of Mrs. Grove's uncle.

Grocery Business Changes Hands

The grocery business carried on for the past twelve years by Mr. Bert Wilkinson in the Collard block has been closed up, and the stock on hand taken over by the Stouffville Groceries next to the public library and owned by Mr. Henry Helse.

Mr. Wilkinson bought out Mr. Alex. Scott who is now in Northern Ontario, and the stand has for half a century been a good one, located as it is right in the heart of the business activity. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the increasing difficulty in procuring goods induced him to retire from the business and take a holiday. He pointed out that he enjoyed a large fresh fruit trade in the summer, and since the sugar situation is what it is, this end of the business did not look too promising for the coming summer. He said his great regret in giving up is parting with a line of farm customers who have been with him continuously since the first week he was in business.

Stock-taking took place on Monday and the goods were then moved to the Groceries premises. The Wilkinson premises are now vacant.

SCENE AT THE PLANTING OF 5,000 TREES AT RESERVOIR PROPERTY



To conserve the moisture and to prevent Stouffville water supply from being polluted from the surrounding fields, the corporation last year purchased an additional five acres of land, and within recent weeks over 5,000 trees, spruce and red pines, were planted on the area. The planting was done by voluntary labor on the part of business men and other citizens. The biggest day's planting

attracted about 15 workers. Above is shown in the first picture, Reg. Stouffer with the shovel in hand, and Roy E. Curtis holding up one of the small saplings about to be put in the ground. Picture to the right is Frank Riches, hardware merchant, handling the spade is Wm. F. Ratcliff, councillor, planting the young tree, which will grow to a height of 50 feet in 25 or 30 years.

The reservoirs on the Ratcliff farm, 8th concession of Whitchurch, are about two and a half miles from town, and the two reservoirs with a capacity of 600,000 gallons will have the supply augmented this summer by the installation of a dam across a spring creek on the property. The water will be pumped from the dam into the reservoirs. So far work on the project is slow due to

priorities and the great scarcity of help. John Castle who was about to undertake the building of the dam, was injured last week, and this may cause a further delay. It was hoped to obtain the new supply of water for use this July and August, the period during which the present supply is hardly enough to meet the general demands.