

Local Man Washes Premier's Linen

Mr. David Young who resides just north of town in Whitchurch was appointed launderer to Prime Minister Churchill and his staff who are holding forth at Quebec.

Mr. Young who retired from the laundry business in Toronto to live on his farm here, will see to it that the first citizen of the world goes out looking spick and span so far as his laundry is concerned.

The appointment of other than Quebec laundry men was necessary since that city is completely under the French tongue so far as this work goes, and so the honor fell to a man in Stouffville district.

BEEF ROOT HARD TO BEAT

We have had on display in the office window a beet with a root measuring 25 inches long, grown on the farm of Mr. Wesley Wideman, Markham township. How it was ever taken from the ground without breaking the root off is a mystery, since Mr. Wideman said they did not know of the long root until after the beets were taken up.

Since it would be hard to believe that a beet would grow so long, it has been hanging in the window of this office for several days, as seeing is believing, they say. The beet itself was smaller than a hen's egg.

CAUGHT THIRD OWL

Hugh A. Boyd, 6th concession Markham farmer, has caught a third owl in the trap set for them on a high post overlooking his chicken run. The owls are of the Great Horned variety, ferocious and cruel to their enemies. Mr. Boyd lost many chickens before he discovered the cause.

Last week he had the third big owl caged up after removing it from the trap, and it will be killed and stuffed. While in captivity Mr. Boyd threw it in a sparrow and the owl gobbled it down feathers and all. Later he threw in a dead chicken found in the yard, and this it consumed in greedy manner, not leaving a feather.

COTTAGE FIRE A MYSTERY

A frame cottage at Musselman's Lake immediately south of Dr. Barker's cottage caught fire and was burned to the ground about 10 o'clock on Tuesday night last week. Stouffville chemical wagon was called and stood by to protect surrounding buildings. Cause of the fire is a mystery since the cottage had not been occupied after 2.30 on the afternoon of the fire. It was occupied by Toronto people.

Next Blood Clinic

We are advised by Dr. Innes MacDonald of Markham, that the next blood clinic will be held on September 16th for which 160 are being called to give their blood, both men and women. Women are advised to see their local physician before that date.

Up to the present time there has been 213 blood donors at this Markham-Stouffville clinic who have given their donation.

The need is still urgent, and new recruits are looked for. If you have not donated, offer your blood this time.

MORE LIGHT

Mr. Editor,

It is a wonder there has not been protest made before about the blackout at the C.N.R. station on Sunday evenings at train time.

Two weeks ago I received a call from a country friend asking me to contact a person who had just left their farm to take the train at Stouffville for Toronto. I went to the station, and believe me, the crowd there waiting for the train was groping in the dark. I didn't find the person until the train arrived.

Why cannot the council cause the station platform to be lighted up say 15 minutes before the time of the arrival of the train. Instead of the last minute? Surely the amount of business coming out of this section warrants a little accommodation.

In case of an accident through someone stumbling on the uneven platform and waving cinders because of the failure to have the lights on, the C.N.R. would be involved at once, therefore if properly presented by your paper, the local agent, or the council immediate improvement in the lighting ought to be noted.

In case of charge for this notice we will be glad to pass the hat next Sunday evening. Everybody notices the lack of light.

A Resident.

Mr. Dave Harris, for years employed on the Ratcliff farm west of town, is expected to arrive this week with his bride from northern Ontario.

Hoover estate sale today (Thurs.)

WITH THE ARTILLERY



Gunner John Lager of the Canadian Artillery is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lager, Church St., Stouffville. John was formerly employed in the tinsmithing department of Agnew's hardware, enlisting some six months ago. He is stationed at Shelburne, N.S.

HIS 81st, BIRTHDAY

Veteran farmer all his long life in the Bethesda and Gormley district, Mr. Asa Sider reached his 81st birthday in very good health. Mr. and Mrs. Sider occupy part of the house with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Law, Main street, opposite Ben. Raxlia's used implement yard.

GRAVEL CONTRACT GIVEN

The Township of Whitchurch will pay \$1.10 per yard for gravel laid on their roads this fall, according to the tender accepted at the regular August meeting of the council presided over by Reeve George S. Leary. Mr. Leary said that the municipality will require about 4,000 yards. The successful tenderer is F. Roberts, owner of the large Cook pit on the 5th concession.

Believes Old Age Largely Good Luck

Congratulated by Premier King on His 93rd Birthday

Surrounded by his two brothers, Jacob of Peterborough, and William of Toronto, 90 and 80 years respectively, Mr. Seneca Baker on Monday celebrated his 93rd birthday in very good health. If he only had better eyesight, he could be the happiest man alive. As it is, his dimmed sight forces him to forego that is a real hardship to one of studious mind. However, Mr. Baker is blessed with good enough sight to get around and occupy himself on the farm to some extent.

Asked if he wanted to retract a statement he made on his 90th birthday denying that only good people are permitted to live so long, Mr. Baker laughed heartily and said, "certainly not, I think it is largely good luck."

"My grandfather bought the land here, 200 acres probably over 90 years ago, Mr. Baker disclosed, and I took it over 70 years ago from my father. That was when I got married," Mr. Baker explained.

This veteran man who can still speak with a clear mind was induced to reveal a few experiences of his municipal career. What year were you Warden of York County, was a question he gave ready answer to. "That was in 1907," he said. "Oh no I wasn't the first warden from Whitchurch, we had several before my time. My election came quickly after a man named Hartman was warden from this township."

Speaking on local events Mr. Baker said that Baker Hill once had a library. That was around 1860. It was kept at the home of J. Brodie, uncle of our Jim Brodie. Mrs. Brodie was librarian and she had a lot of books on philosophy and culture, which was too much for most of us. Mr. Baker said he recalled that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was very popular. A lot was written about that time against slavery, and it no doubt had much to do in helping us to be opposed bitterly to that thing that was soon to make such an upheaval in the U.S.A., Mr. Baker said.

During the day Mr. Baker received a telegram from Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King offering the premier's congratulations at this auspicious time.

Seneca Baker and his two brothers whose total ages run over 260 years, are the last of a family of seven.

Gormley Girl Crossed from India Aboard Battleship

Before a thrilled congregation in Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Gormley, last Sunday evening, Miss Anna Steckley, just returned from India told her people some of the incidents of her long trek home which took her across three continents, sailing seven seas in order to avoid U-boats. Miss Steckley has been on the mission field in India for seven years, and her furlough is long overdue.

She travelled from India to California on a U. S. captured Italian luxury liner converted into a battleship. She told of the ship's complete darkness, not even a flash light could be used at night.

Next Sunday evening she will speak in the same church on her tragic experience of her exaction from India.

"I am so happy to be home again after seven years in India," she told her 78-year-old mother, and a host of relatives who went to Toronto to meet her. "My greatest regret was at having to leave my 50 orphan girls behind." She had been in charge of an orphanage in North India near the Himalaya mountains.

"Since my furlough was overdue, it was deemed wiser for me to return to my homeland," Miss Steckley said. "I left the girls in charge of an American missionary."

Headed by Bishop Winger of the Gormley Brethren in Christ Church, Miss Steckley was escorted by a score of relatives to the family homestead. Including Mrs. Leah Steckley, the missionary's mother, more than 65 brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, sat down to a family banquet.

"For a long time I have been looking forward to seeing my daughter again," Mrs. Steckley said.

FARMER TO GIVE UP IN OCTOBER

Mr. Herb. Mitchell will give up farming and hold a public auction sale of farm stock and implements on October 16th at his premises near Musselman's Lake. Mr. Mitchell has purchased a double house on Fulton avenue, Toronto, and will return to city life.

At one time he developed an outstanding herd of Ayrshires and finding the 50 acre farm he purchased from the Hutchinson estate not large enough, he purchased the Hoover farm of 50 acres which touched the east shores of Musselman's Lake. The help problem forced him out of the milk business, and now he is retiring from the farm entirely.

The 100 acre farm is offered for sale, or 50 acres with buildings and modern dwelling can be had alone by getting in touch with the owner.

BOWLING MEET AND TEA FOR RED CROSS

On Friday of this week the Ladies' Lawn Bowling Club will hold a tournament and tea in the interests of the Red Cross Christmas boxes for boys overseas. All members of men's and ladies' clubs and ex-members invited. Bowling from 3 and supper at 5, also at 6.30 for business people and then bowling again at 8 o'clock for all. The Red Cross workers are asked to come for tea at whatever hour is convenient.

New Chambers Officially Opened

Councillor R. L. Stiver is a man who doesn't hold a grudge, and that is a fine characteristic especially if one is serving in a public capacity. This Markham Twp. councillor at the outset was opposed to the purchase of the present municipal building at Unionville, which is now officially opened and receiving those who wish to do business with the clerk or before the council. R. L. Stiver has done his part to make the place presentable and really the members are rather proud of the accomplishment. The premises are taking on more and more the marks of a business office rather than a comfortable home from which it is being converted. Mr. Stiver showed his "bigness" when he laid the corner stone and later when he accepted appointment after appointment to superintend work of co-operating over the premises. He was co-operative, whereas too many who cannot get their way on a public issue turn sour and stay that way.

Last Friday evening Markham Council held the mid-month session in the new chambers. The Weed Seed Dept. of the Government offered to demonstrate the spraying of weeds in Markham if council wished to have them. The offer was promptly accepted. A date will be arranged and councillors will be on hand to see how the thing is done along the roadside.

A grant of \$25 was made to the Markham Blood Donors Clinic. Reeve Chas. Hooper is one of the donors and praised the undertaking as a fine contribution to the war effort.

BETHESDA GUNNER



Gunner Glenn Bolender has arrived in England with a number of Royal Canadian Artillery Reinforcements, according to word just received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bolender, Bethesda. Glenn was educated at Bethesda Public School and Stouffville High School, and spent considerable time working among local farmers. Just prior to enlisting he had taken a position with a Toronto photographic concern.

FOUR POPULAR SISTERS

Four popular sisters from Toronto, Misses Ruth, Mary, Isabel and Alice Milne played their violins at the Congregational Church on Sunday morning and in the Baptist Church in the evening. They have played in the United Church, and are booked for a service at the M.B.C. church here. The girls belong to the Peoples' Church, Toronto, and play only at churches, thus dedicating their musical talent solely to the Christian cause. The talented young ladies were guests of Mr. Hugh Bannerman and his sister, who as old friends introduced them to Stouffville.

TAX COLLECTION GOOD

Although ratepayers have until Sept. 1st to pay the first instalment of taxes, \$1000 more had been paid in on Tuesday than at same time a year ago, Tax Collector K. R. Davis says.

TWO SMALL FARMS SOLD SOUTH MARVHAM

Fraser Smith, formerly of Tottenham, bought the former homestead of John Tapscott along with 10 acres of land, near Agincourt, in Scarborough Twp. There is a modernized eight-room brick house and the original farm barn with stone basement. This has been remodelled into a henhouse of several stories by the new owner.

A second sale last week was made in Markham Twp. to E. Crisp, who purchased five acres on the Don Mills Rd. near No. 7 highway. The land will be operated as a market garden. Buildings on the property are a large frame dwelling and shed. The James McQuay Estate was vendor.

CRASHED THE DANCE

When the big bus between Stouffville and Ajax failed to get a passage through the Main street of Markham last Friday night, where the right-of-way was fenced off for a street dance, the driver crashed the fence and plowed his way through without further interruption. It seems that arrangements had been made to remove any obstruction for the war workers bus, and when it was not carried out and the bus tarried at the fence some time, it had no choice but to crash in order to get the workers to their work on time.

Mrs. Roy Feasby who has been visiting relatives in Uxbridge township for some time returned to her home in Saskatchewan a few days ago. She is a sister of Mrs. Russell Dowsnell.

Alsike Seven Bus. To the Acre

Not all grain yields are light this harvest, according to yields obtained in the Gormley section, mostly in Markham Township, where last week Ralph Perkins, Victoria Square, threshed 1100 bushels of early grain. His alsike gave seven bushels to the acre of excellent sample. "That is the best yield I have threshed this season, and of course it is good enough for the best years," said K. F. Baker, thresher, who vouched for the yield obtained on the Perkins farm. "The sample of grain could not be better either," said Mr. Baker, who declared that he had threshed alsike at quite a few places this season and much of it was running four bushels to the acre.

On the W. Boynton farm Mr. Baker threshed wheat that gave a yield of 35 bushels weighing 59 pounds to the bushel, while on the Stewart Bros. farm in the same neighborhood they obtained a yield of 40 bushels to the acre for mixed grain.

Turning to winter barley Mr. Baker pointed to the yield obtained on the Joe Stephenson farm, 3rd concession, Markham, where 50 bushels to the acre was recorded, all of which indicates that while grain crops were generally light, there are sections where good average yields have been obtained.

Mr. Baker who threshes over a considerable area does not anticipate yields like the ones cited to be general by any means, as practically all the late sown grain is very light. Here and there where a farmer was able to get on the land at the usual time, the crop came through good. However, the exceedingly wet spring made this impossible in most places.

Local Bride to Reside in Hanover

On Wednesday afternoon in the Mennonite Church, Stouffville, a pretty wedding was solemnized when Dorothea Viola, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowdway, became the bride of Harris Clayton Hallman of Hanover.

Rev. H. S. Hallman, brother of the groom, officiated and the wedding music was played by Miss Gladys Stover.

The church was beautifully decorated with gladioli and asters. Given in marriage by her father the bride took her place beneath an arch of evergreens in which hung a large wedding bell. She wore a gown of white sheer with finger tip veil, and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses.

The maid of honor, Mrs. Donald Ratcliff, sister of the bride, wore a pink sheer gown with matching headress. Both carried a nosegay of mixed roses. The little flower girl, Miss Carol Ann Duthie, daughter of Ft. Lt. and Mrs. Duthie of Toronto, and cousin of the bride, wore a dress of turquoise green and carried a nosegay of yellow flowers. Mr. Edgar Hallman, brother of the groom was the groomsman. The ushers were Harold Bowdway, brother of the bride, and Lloyd Wideman.

During the signing of the register Theodore Bowdway, brother of the bride, sang, "O Perfect Day."

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the couple left on a short honeymoon. The bride travelled in a red and white flowered two-piece suit with white accessories. The young couple will reside in Hanover.

LEAVING TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dixon have secured one of the new houses at Ajax, and are about to move to their new premises. They are offering their house and large garden in the east end for immediate sale.

FOUGHT IN SICILY



Signalman T. Allan Paterson of Markham is in Sicily, according to word received by his family. He has two brothers on active service, Pte. Gilbert Paterson, R.C.O.C. and Gunner Earl Paterson, R.C.A. A third brother, Flight Sergt. Alfred Paterson, was killed on active service with the R.C.A.F.

Ration Book No.3 Now Being Issued

This is the weekend in which you must attend to your ration books. If you wish to get them attended to in Stouffville, the hours are from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday. In the surrounding countryside there will be no open evenings, and the hours and open dates are varied. You can find the nearest ration place to you by reference to the adv. on page six, which is correct except as for the open hours in Stouffville.

Work of issuing Ration Book No.3 is done by voluntary help. People on holidays are reminded that they can get their books anywhere, provided, of course, they have their old ones with them.

Anyone may go to whatever station they wish to have their books renewed, as for instance 1000 books were issued to farmers in Stouffville last time. It doesn't matter where you get your books if you supply the proper information.

HOME FROM WEST COAST

Mrs. Hugh Herbison, formerly Agnes Klinck, O'Brien Ave., accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. B. J. Reilly of Winnipeg, arrived in town on Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Herbison's trip by boat and train from her floating home at Minstrel Island, B. C. to Stouffville, occupied four days and nights. Her many friends in and about town are pleased to find Agnes in the best of health and radiating satisfaction with her three years of varied and interesting experiences with life among the inhabitants of our Pacific Coast.

MINISTER'S WIFE DEAD AT WHITEVALE

Funeral services for Mrs. C. Reddick, wife of Rev. C. Reddick, D.D., of Whitevale, was held on Saturday with Rev. D. Davis of Stouffville officiating. Interment was at Nanawee with Rev. S. A. Kemp of Havelock officiating. Mrs. Reddick was born at Greenbank, the former Theresa Young. An accomplished pianist, she held the degree of A.T.C.M. She was an active member of the Women's Association and W.M.S. Surviving are: her husband, three sons: Horace, Howard and Bruce; two daughters: Marjorie and Helen, and a sister and a brother.

Outstanding Corn Fields Not General

The corn crop is generally short through the immediate locality, but this does not mean that there are not some record stands over the district. Out at Gormley corn measuring eight and a half feet high was to be seen on August 15th on the farm of C. H. Doner. He has ten acres of it, and one could not wish to see a finer field.

To the south of Stouffville in the Cedar Grove district, Gordon Dimma has nine acres of corn standing as high as ten feet in places. In sharp contrast to the fields mentioned are many others with below normal growth.

BIRTHS

CLARK—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark of Uxbridge, R.R. 2, are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl on Wednesday, August 18, 1943. A little sister for Lorne and Alvin.

STOVER—At the Stratford General Hospital, on Tuesday, August 3rd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stover (nee Blanche Hoover) of Milverton, a daughter, Barbara Edith.



On the staff of Stouffville High School for several years Russell Barker who is leaving here to join the staff at Brampton in September, is shown above as a cadet instructor taking the summer course at Niagara. Complete instruction in all branches of military training is given cadet instructors at this annual Niagara camp. Mr. Barker and A. M. Casselman of Dunnville, are enjoying the work, and will go back to their respective schools to impart the knowledge they have gained.