

School Graduates Reach All-time High

Ninety-five per cent of the students trying Upper School in Stouffville High School last term were successful. This is the highest record in the history of the school since Upper School work has been taught here, and is a compliment to both the students and the staff.

Of the number who graduated one has enlisted in His Majesty's Forces, five will attend Normal School, two expect to enter University, and two the nursing profession, while one student is attending a business college. Eight of the students served a total of over 115 weeks in farm service during the past summer and due to the delay in getting in this part of the report the results have been held up to the present time, which is much later than other years.

The Upper School results announced by Principal Murphy are:

Florence Brownsberger, E.C. II; E.L. II; Hist. II; Geom. II; Trig. II; Phys. III; Chem. C; Fr. A. I; Fr. C. II.

Helen Campbell, E.C. II; E.L. I; Hist. III; Geom. II; Trig. C; Phys. III; Chem. C; Fr. A. I; Fr. C. II.

Dean Fockler, E.C. III; E.L. III; Hist. III; Geom. I; Trig. I; Alg. I; Phys. I; Chem. I; Fr. A. II; Fr. C. III.

Nellie Gostick, E.C. C; Hist. III; Geom. II; Phys. C; Chem. C.

Marion Hunt, E.C. II; E.L. I; Hist. I; Geom. C; Trig. C; Phys. III; Chem. II; Fr. A. C; Fr. C. C.

Kenneth Klinch, E.C. C; E.L. II; Hist. III; Geom. C; Phys. II; Chem. II; Fr. A. C; Fr. C. C.

Jean Miller, E.C. II; E.L. I; Hist. II; Geom. III; Trig. I; Phys. C; Chem. C; Fr. A. I; Fr. C. II.

Arnold Schell, E.C. C; E.L. C; Hist. II; Geom. C; Trig. III; Phys. III; Chem. III; Fr. A. II; Fr. C. C.

Wilbur Smalley, Hist. C; Geom. III; Trig. II; Phys. C; Fr. A. III; Fr. C. III.

Noreen Steckley, E.L. C; Hist. C; Geom. C; Trig. III; Phys. C.

Norma Stover, E.L. C.

Murray Wilson, E.C. C; E.L. II; Hist. II; Geom. II; Trig. C; Phys. C; Chem. C; Fr. A. C; Fr. C. C.

C denotes pass standing, III 3rd class honors, II 2nd class, I denotes first class honors.



Inspects Unit Before Departure

Teddy, the son of Sergt. Charles Cartwright, who is in England, was only three when he was first put on the strength of the unit by Colonel C.F. Abbott, officer commanding. His first rank was sergeant because he took his soldiering serious and was on hand for parade every day. He was promoted. It was a sad day for Teddy when orders came through for his unit to proceed overseas but he swallowed that lump in his throat and made a final inspection of the unit before its departure. Both of Teddy's grandfathers, Joe McDonnell of Cobourg, Ont., and Thomas Cartwright of Bowmanville, Ont., served in the last war.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Mrs. Robt. Ratcliff, Mrs. Geo. Peck, Mrs. D. Woodburn, Mrs. Harry Brilinger and Mrs. A. V. Nolan are in Toronto for the annual convention of the O.E.S. this week.

STILL TROPHY COMPETITION HERE SEPT 22nd

Fred Marsnall's rink topped the field in the mixed doubles bowling tournament here on Tuesday night. Earl Beare, Claremont took second, Ed. Goodman, Oshawa, third, and A. H. Williams, Stouffville, fourth. On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, the club will hold the annual men's trebles matches for the Elmer Still Trophy. The silverware is held at present by Dr. E. S. Wheeler of the Balmy Beach Club, Toronto.

Capt. H. Worling Captured in Malaya

First Direct Contact is Reported from India by Mrs. Worling.

Belief that Harry Worling, former pastor of Stouffville and Church Hill Christian Churches, is safe in India, are now definitely confirmed by Mrs. Worling who sent word last week from Kotagiri, India, to her parents in Toronto, indicating that she had in turn received a personal message from her husband in another part of that great country, intimating that he is safe and well, although it is presumed that he had lost his right arm while with the troops in India early in the war.

Mrs. Worling translates her husband's message to herself and their little daughter as follows: "I am safe, and very well. No need to worry. Conditions are good. Hope you received my letter from the hospital. My arm, rather what remains, has now healed completely. Pray you are well."

Mrs. Worling never received the letter referred to.

Capt. Harry Worling was commissioned early at the outbreak of war since he was then in India with his wife on missionary work. His command of the language would be invaluable at that time with the native troops. Moving away with the army, he was lost sight of for a long time and the worst was feared, but indirect word came finally stating that he was in hospital. This news was carried by an officer who had seen Harry, but there was no means of mail communication.

Capt. Worling was with the British Indian Army and was captured

Mrs. Arthur Hoover and daughter, Jean and Miss Stella Ross of Oshawa, were recent visitors at the Merten's home west of town.

BIRTHS

HOUSSEY—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, Sept. 10th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Houssey, 10th con., a daughter, (stillborn).

Big Local Cabbage Tonnage Goes to Dehydration Plant

Harry Ratcliff's big truck has been hauling cabbage from the fields of Stouffville to the big dehydration plant at Belleville carrying over ten tons to a load. The local contribution was commenced on Sunday night after eight men had gone into the field to do the cutting and bagging. The product must be delivered on schedule to the plant, and thus the Sunday work. The truck returned during the early morning hours and was away again with a second load, thus it went until the local output was delivered.

This process of dehydration will take the water from the cabbage and reduce a large head to the size of a walnut or less. They can be preserved in this state indefinitely, and are shipped this way overseas. When the water is applied to the dehydrated article it will resume its original form. The flavor is retained so that when it is served you would not know that the vegetable had been processed.

The saving of space on vessels plying the high seas is tremendous since dehydration has come to be an actual working fact. Then there is the added advantage in the case of cabbage of avoiding spoilage in shipment. When dehydrated the vegetables are like pellets and can be easily packed and protected.

An effort was made to have a dehydration plant installed in Stouffville at the Gold Fish plant, but the scheme fell through. The machinery is very expensive, and this added to the uncertainty of demand after the war for vegetables in this form, made it advisable not to undertake the establishment of a plant in this district, although it is the logical location since we supply so many of the vegetables demanded by the trade.

HEIFER CALF WEIGHED ONLY 30 POUNDS

Albert Boake has a heifer calf on the place that probably holds the records for miniature, since it weighed only 30 pounds when born and is still alive and active.

It is of the Gurnsey breed and they usually run around 60 pounds at birth, but the wee Miss was able to wobble about the first day or two, and can now make as good a runt at a pail of milk as any other calf that had a bigger start.

MOMOT SALE RUNS \$3,700

The public auction sale of Frank Momot in the heart of Uxbridge township on Tuesday afternoon, mounted to the sum of \$3,700. The Massey tractor on rubber sold to Joe Watson of Uxbridge for \$960, while the Hammermill Chopper realized \$140 going to a buyer from Victoria Square. The potato digger sold for \$52 and the binder for \$121. The high cow of the sale brought \$120, while the herd averaged \$100. A sow and eight pigs went for \$55, and calves 6 to 8 weeks old \$40.

Mixed grain was in demand at \$1.25 cwt. and hushwheat 60. bus. Mr. Momot is giving up farming.

Record Enrolment Ont. Bible School

A number of friends from Victoria Square, Gormley, Altona and Markham districts attended the opening exercises at the Ontario Bible School, Fort Erie North on Monday evening this week, when Mr. Edward Gilmore delivered the address of the evening. He comes from Lowhams, Ontario, and is a forceful speaker.

There was a chorus of 40 voices from Vineland to render special singing of gospel selections.

The school this term will have a record enrolment of about 100 students which will tax the capacity of the big building. In order to accommodate the extra pupils, the fourth floor will be converted into rooms and while this work is being hastened the boys will occupy cabins outside the building for a few weeks.

Messrs. Sam Fretz and O. L. Heise each took a car load of friends from this district to the opening affair.

by the Japanese the day he landed in Malaya on Jan. 24, 1942. Mrs. Worling of course was then in Southern India where she still remains attached to the Ceylon and India Mission. She has passage booked for Canada.

Stouffville friends of the family will be very pleased to get this latest information, and hope that the family may soon be united again.

1500 Extra Gallons of Water Per Hour Made Available by Addition to Water System

Work Completed on Reservoir Project—Expected to Provide Ample Water Through Summer Months.

When the summer demand for extra water comes again Stouffville domestic users can count on an additional 1500 gallons per hour for the scheme of tapping the spring brook on the water works property and delivering it into the reservoirs is now an actual fact.

Work has been going on intermittently all summer to install a dam, electric pump and other equipment to make this thing an accomplished fact, and last week the work having been completed, the pump was put into operation and proved that it could throw a supply of water from the spring creek running to waste back into the reservoirs any time it is required at the rate of 1500 gallons per hour.

It was a thrilling moment when the electric was applied and the motor started to turn over putting into operation the water pump that takes the supply from a miniature reservoir and forces it nearly 300 feet back to the main reservoirs. The machinery worked in charming manner, and did all that was desired of it.

This added supply should remove any danger of water shortage and householders should be able to have their hose running the two hours per day throughout the summer instead of being cut off to conserve water just when they require it most.

Final costs are not available, but it is expected that the new installation will run between \$1500 and \$2,000. This expense has been met from current cash and the sale of a \$1,000 bond from the reserve account of the water system. The water rates in Stouffville are the lowest in Ontario, and the new addition will not call for any change in the present low rates.

The council and reeve are deserving of credit for their determination to get this job done despite the labor and material shortage.

DEATH TAKES MOTHER WORKING IN KITCHEN

Busily engaged in her household duties on Monday morning of this week at their farm home concession 9 east, Markham, Mrs. Alex. Torrance collapsed in the kitchen and died immediately. Her son and husband were present, but the end came so suddenly that nothing could be done. Mrs. Torrance was in her 68th year.

Mrs. Torrance whose maiden name was Elizabeth Susannah Hoover, fed the poultry that morning as usual and carried on her normal duties until mid-morning when she was still engaged in the kitchen when the end came.

A woman highly prized in the district and beloved by all, she will be greatly missed. Surviving are husband and son, John at home, and one married daughter.

Rev. D. MacGregor conducted the service on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was at Pine Hill cemetery.

RETIRED BUILDER WAS BORN AT BALLANTRAE

Engaged in the building and contracting business in the east end of Toronto for some years, Frank Gray, native of Ballantrae, died at his home 151 Silverbirch avenue. He had been retired for several years.

Mr. Gray went to the city about 30 years ago from his native district. He was a son of the late Robert Gray who farmed a half mile north of Ballantrae corners. The deceased was an uncle of our David Gray on the 10th of Whitchurch. Frank who just died was a member of the I.O.F., and surviving him are his wife Sadie Coulter Gray, three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Nash and Miss Elva Gray, Toronto; Mrs. W. E. Afflick, St. Catharines, and a sister Miss Ada Gray, also one brother Edgar Gray in Toronto.

Air Cadets Resume Their Training this Friday Night

Gasoline Now Supplied for Boys Joining Local Unit from a Distance—Move to Establish Flight in Markham.

Stouffville's Air Cadet Squadron No. 94 will resume operations this Friday evening. The boys are asked to assemble at the High School, all former cadets, and any new boys wishing to join the unit. Arrangements have been made whereby gasoline coupons will be supplied for those boys who must come from a distance, or from other schools such as Claremont and Markham, Uxbridge and Whitchurch areas. Enrolment forms may be obtained from the Acting Adjutant Jas. Porter at the Bank of Commerce.

The Stouffville Squadron has been unfortunate in losing several fine officers during the summer, but replacements are being made as rapidly as possible. Adjutant Reg. Button and Equipment Officer Gordon Bailey have both found it necessary to resign, also Flight Commander Russel Barker. The replacements for these offices are expected to be James Porter, A. G. Thompson, Stouffville, and Allan Prouse, Claremont.

Last Friday evening Commanding Officer M. E. Watts, Acting Adjutant Jas. Porter and Chas. H. Nolan, sec-treas. for the Local Committee waited on Markham Village High School Board in conjunction with Squadron Leader Currie, R.C.A.F. No. 1 Training Command, Toronto, to ascertain if it would be possible to have a flight organized at Markham which could work in co-operation with the Stouffville Unit. Now that the gasoline problem has been solved it was thought that instructors could quite easily be interchanged between the two towns, while Stouffville's equipment would be quite adequate for both groups. Those present at the meeting viewed the suggestion quite favorably and some action is expected immediately the older boys of 4th and 5th Forms return to their classes, Sept. 20th.

"This appears to be a much more active organization than anything we've heard of yet," stated Dr. Brown. Principal Earl Thoms stated that he expected in the neighborhood of seventy boys would be available in the school this term.

Markham High School has had a unit of army cadets in the past, but the work has been inactive now for over a year.

IN SICILY

Ken. May, popular young bank teller here a few years ago, is now in Sicily, going there with a medical unit attached to the First Division, according to word just received by this paper. Ken arrived in England just a short time ago with several other local boys.

L. BURROWS WINS HOED CROP PRIZE

Lloyd Burrows, 10th concession of Markham, was the winner of the Markham Agricultural Society prize in the hoed crop competition, of which George Rush, of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, was the judge. Mr. Burrows obtained 96 points out of a possible 100. Other winners were: R. P. Armstrong, Locust Hill, 94 points; George B. Padget, R.R. 2, Gormley, 93 points; Lyman A. Kennedy, Agincourt, 90 points; W. L. Clark, R.R. 2, Gormley, 89 points; D. Miles, Milliken, 88 points; Alex. Davidson, Agincourt, 87 points.

THE COMING GENERATION

Below is the list of 24 young hopefuls who are budding out in life by commencing their school careers under Miss Margaret Forsyth, primary teacher at the local academy:

- George Barkey
- Patricia Boake
- Roberta Bone
- Tommy Buckley
- Carole Cadieux
- Roberta Fry
- Ronald Golden
- Jackie Graham
- Keith Griffiths
- Marilyn Hood
- Frank Hollingsworth
- Jackie Lewis
- Anne Lintner
- Billie McMullen
- Joy O'Neil
- Faye Page
- Jimmie Rennie
- Victor Salmon
- Marle Shell
- Allen Stouffer
- Catherine Stover
- Lavina Vallean
- Ronald Wilson
- George White

Heavy Explosion Wrecks Front of Church St. Home, Plumber has Narrow Escape

Breach in Wall Opened to Street—Window Hurlled Twenty Feet—Furniture Wrecked and Floors Heaved.

Stouffville had its second shock this summer from gasoline explosion when a blow torch being used by a plumber working in the basement of the Fraser Smith house on north Church street, Saturday, exploded, and blew the front wall of the main sitting room open to the street. A large hall window was hurled against a neighboring brick house by the force, while heavy floor registers lifted from their places and heaved out onto the floor, an electric floor lamp, in one bedroom was thrown over and smashed.

The tenant Fraser Smith with the R.C.A.F. is now in western Canada, but Mrs. Smith occupies the home with her two children and at the time of the explosion her mother was also there. Dawson Davis was intending to use the torch making some repairs to the furnace. It was burning beside him in the basement when the thing suddenly exploded and fairly rocked the heavy house. The double-thick floor above his head finished with oak was heaved and twisted, and rafters splintered, and a piece of flooring in the main hall was twisted like match wood. Miraculously, Davis standing beside the torch was not even knocked over, but he was visibly stunned. His eye brows were singed and there was a burn on his hand. He was able to walk from the premises but later was assisted to a doctor suffering from shock.

The large house was known as the late John Button residence, and was remodelled a few years ago. It is owned by Delbert Holden. It was in excellent condition with lovely floors which are partly ruined in the main room and hall. The wall in the front room toward the street was pushed right out so that at the one corner there is an opening of ten inches. Sheer force pried it from the foundation, and strangely it did not smash a window in the large bay which is twisted out of place.

"I was in next door and when I heard the explosion I knew right away it was the blow torch," said

Mrs. Smith. Her mother was unharmed as were the children. A writing desk was upturned and several antique pieces, standing in the hall window, one a hundred years old, were smashed to pieces. They were hurled onto the lawn, as the large window itself crashed against a neighboring brick wall.

The floor registers heaved from their positions would be quite a weight for a man to lift up, being more than average size. They were fitted tightly to the floor and could not have been pried out without a bar. Big spikes are showing where they were pulled from the joist at the south-front corner, which left the opening from the southside into the room widest. One can scarcely imagine that a pint or less of gasoline could cause such havoc.

The accident follows closely the explosion at Silverthorn's garage such a short time ago and which cost the proprietor his life.



COMMANDER CONNOLLY

The newly appointed commander of H.M.C.S. York, Toronto, Ont. is J. J. Connolly, above, from Charlottetown, P.E.I.