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THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY JANUARY 13-14-15

"The Hard Way"

Ida Lupino, Dennis Morgan News Reel Cartoon

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY JAN. 17-18-19

"Street of Chance"

Burgess Meredith, Claire Trevor

"LOST CANYON"

Hopalong Cassidy

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY JAN. 20-21-22

"THREE GIRLS ABOUT TOWN"

VANDORF

Our farmers are attending the two day course at the Hall on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

A number of young people and old alike are confined to their homes with heavy colds.

A large attendance enjoyed the first W.A. meeting of this year held last week at the parsonage. An interesting program is planned for the coming year.

Special meetings are being held at Wesley Church each night of this week. Our pastor has planned an interesting and helpful series of sermons which should be an inspiration to all who attend.

Pte. Steve Komar of B.C. spent a few days last week with the Bostwick family.

So far our snowplow is still waiting for work, while all motorists are enjoying the summertime roads.

Mr. Sam Gibney is enjoying the bright-light hydro being turned on last week.

Misses Irene Harper, Doris Penrose and Mr. Roy Harper, were tea guests one night with Mr. and Mrs. Randall Chapman.

Rev. McMath called Wednesday at the Willing Worker's meeting, also visited several homes and had supper with the Hope family.

The Sunday School members of the Church of Christ enjoyed a supper and social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brandon, Jr. on Saturday night with a good crowd present.

FARMERS ARGUE OVER COST OF PRODUCING HOGS

Two farmers from Whitechurch township got into a discussion in the office of this paper last week over the question of whether there is any money to be made in feeding hogs at present market returns. One chap was very hostile and damned the government and everybody else for what he termed an unfair situation. His feed bills were tremendous, and well, "it just takes it all," said he.

The other farmer lives four miles from the unlucky hog producer. He grows more of his own feed, he admitted, but contended that he could show a margin on four pens of hogs he runs off right along. And so that is what you find all over the country.

Hog producers have voiced disapproval of the present price structure, claiming it to be too low in comparison with feed and labour costs. Others claim there is a fair margin in feeding pigs at the present price.

Our agricultural colleges, experimental farms and feeding stations have accurate figures as to the amount of feed consumed by pigs of different ages and the total cost of turning off a 200-pound hog. This is not on one litter or two litters but on many litters. However, we find that the Hog Producers' Association are not satisfied with these official figures, and at their meeting held in Toronto on December 7, recommended "that an investigation be initiated by the Economics Div. of the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture into the cost of producing hogs on the average farm, because we believe that the figures as obtained from feeding stations, experimental farms and agricultural colleges are at variance with actual cost under average farm conditions, and that future hog prices be based on cost of production, plus a margin of profit."

If members of the Ontario Hog Producers' Association would take it upon themselves to ascertain the cost of feeding pigs on their own farms they would have cost figures obtained under various conditions with different breeds of pigs and with different climatic conditions, because there is a big difference in the weather between Essex and the Ottawa Valley, or in Northern Ontario.

The trouble is that not enough producers will go to the trouble of ascertaining what it actually costs to feed pigs. It is no great hardship to value a litter of pigs at weaning age, and then to weigh the feed used to grow and finish them. There could be a separate box to hold the feed for this particular pen, or if dry feeding, a hopper could be built to hold 5 or 6 bags of chop at one time. These could be weighed and the amount marked down together with the price of the feed. If one does not wish to carry a notebook, a shingle or a smooth board nailed beside the pen for convenience in marking down the weights of feeds would serve the purpose. For further information it would be advisable to keep track of the different varieties of feed used. Then, when the litter is marketed the cost of pigs at weaning, plus the cost of feed could be totalled up and subtracted from the total amount the hogs brought.

True, there are other costs besides feed. There is overhead and labour, but the difference between costs and receipts would show whether it was sufficient to give a reasonable wage for the time spent. Farmers who have kept records report a substantial amount left for labour and overhead, an amount equal to a fair profit.

Actually, there are now figures available on cost of raising hogs under farm conditions. For several years swine clubs have been carried on in which the members purchase and raise 2 gilts. These are weighed every two weeks, feed costs and gains are reckoned at the end of each month, and at the time the gilts are around 200 lbs. a final report is turned in. There must be several hundred such reports on file which would give what we consider fairly accurate figures, and in these reports the cost of mineral, protein in whatever form it is used, and the different kinds of grain used are recorded. These figures should be available not from one county but from a dozen or more counties where swine clubs have been conducted. There is no reason why these gilts should make any better gain than a good bunch of commercial hogs, but if further figures are required why not have two or three members of the Association in each county keep records and have accounts kept of both winter and spring farrowed litters?

The Hog Producers' Association is absolutely right in their contention that there must be cost of production figures in order to negotiate a price that will leave a margin of profit, but if the members are not satisfied with figures put out by colleges, experiment stations or swine clubs, then they should be willing to get these figures for themselves under actual farm conditions.

PHYSIOS IN DEMAND



Lieut. Margaret J. Ball, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Ball has recently arrived in England and reports a pleasant voyage.

Margaret graduated in Physiotherapy from the University of Toronto in 1941. After entering in adult work with the workman's compensation clinic in Toronto and in children's work, with the Children's Memorial Hospital in Montreal, she was taken on the staff of the Workman's Compensation clinic in Toronto. In August 1942 she enlisted with the R.C.A.M.C. and as Lieut. Ball was posted first to Chorley Park Convalescent Hospital in Toronto, and later to Debert Military Hospital Nova Scotia. From here she was posted overseas in October 1942 and mobilized with her unit No. 11 Canadian General Hospital, Canadian Army Overseas at Sarcee Camp, Calgary.

Upon arriving overseas the physiotherapists found themselves very much in demand. This was due to the fact that two more complete Canadian Hospitals had proceeded to Italy, taking with them eight physiotherapists, leaving only two per unit in England where there should be eight.

No married nursing sisters or physios can now leave England for an active theatre of war, so several of the married girls in the units which went to Italy and North Africa, either were not allowed to proceed with their own hospitals or they were brought back.

AURORA RESIDENT HAS 81st BIRTHDAY

Fred Cousins, a resident of Aurora for 15 years, celebrated his 81st birthday Saturday. Mr. Cousins was born in Whitechurch township and farmed in Vaughan township most of his life. Before moving to Aurora he lived in Woodbridge where he was a director of the Woodbridge fair.

STOUFFVILLE AUXILIARY W.M.S. OFFICERS

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church in town raised \$431 in the year 1943, it was learned at the January meeting held at the parsonage. Mrs. Milton Harris presided over the program, and Mrs. Gunn had charge of the business. Mrs. A. V. Nolan reviewed the by-laws and Mrs. Ivy Lewis sang.

Rev. Douglas Davis installed the following officers: Hon. presidents, Mrs. H. Hodgson and Mrs. Jas. Mowat; president, Mrs. Geo. Gunn; associate president, Mrs. S. S. ...; vice-pres., Mrs. D. Davis; cor. secretary, Mrs. H. Leslie; rec. secretary, Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. F. L. Button; community friendship secretary, Mable Bannerman; Christian stewardship, Mrs. D. Davis; temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. H. W. Sanders; associate helpers, Mrs. Jas. Turner and Mrs. K. Campbell; supply Mrs. A. Hoover, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. D. Smales, and missionary monthly, Mrs. E. A. Button and Mrs. C. L. Pipher.

NOW IN INDIA



Leland Fairles, son of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Fairles, who went overseas some time ago with the R.C.A.F. has arrived in India according to word received by his parents. Leland reports the weather as typical of our hot Canadian summer days, cool at night. A cousin of the Fairles', a naval officer is stationed at Delhi, and Leland hopes to visit him soon. Murray Sinclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sinclair, Ringwood, has just returned from India to England, and it is no doubt possible that these two local lads passed on the high seas going to different points on the globe.

get these figures for themselves under actual farm conditions.

4th LINE UXBRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Feasby entertained Mr. and Mrs. Byron Risebrough and family of Sandford, for supper Saturday evening.

Mrs. Reuben Maye held a quilting bee for few of the neighbors Tuesday afternoon.

The Baptist W.A. held their meeting last week at the home of Mrs. H. Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and family with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins and Ruth, spent a day recently with her father, Mr. Jas. Sherrard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson, Bernice and Murray, had tea on Sunday with Mrs. Percy Wilson and Leslie of Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smalley had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Feasby on Sunday.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Geo. Redshaw is making a satisfactory recovery after his recent attack of Flu and pneumonia.

Pte. Howard Feasby of Toronto, spent the weekend at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Norton spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Davis, Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Carruthers of Claremont, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Watson and family on Sunday. We hope Mr. Watson will soon be able to be up and around.

ALTONA

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. E. Lehman and Grace, in the passing of a dear father and grandfather.

Our sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mr. J. B. Hoover of Atha.

Reeve Wm. Reesor attended the inaugural meeting of Pickering council on Monday.

The Look Well Club met at the home of Mrs. David Crosier on Saturday. The girls were kept busy with scissors, needles and thread trying to make victory badges, also cutting out material ready to sew.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. I. Lehman, who celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Neal. We also extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reesor, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. McNair.

The J.S. Class held their December meeting at the home of Esther Davis. It being the re-organization, the election of officers was as follows:—Hon. Presidents—Mrs. B. Reesor, Mrs. F. McNair.

President—Grace Lehman Sec'y-Treas.—Gertrude Winn. Pianist—Audrey Slack, Ass't pianist, Audrey Baker. Editorial Com.—Doris Baker. Flower Com.—Esther Davis.

The Church Services

CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN
Rev. F. Herman, Rector
Miss Elizabeth Foote, Organist
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

Sunday School at 2 p.m.
Regular Service at 2.30 p.m.

Everybody Welcome.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE
Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, Minister
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

1.30 p.m.—Sabbath School and Bible Class.
2.30 p.m.—Divine Worship.

"WHY ATTEND CHURCH?"

Every Sunday Millions attend church throughout the World. Why? There must be a valid reason for this. What is it? Think it over, then come and learn.

JAN. 23, COMMUNION SUNDAY.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Douglas Davis, Minister.
Mrs. Chas. Nolan, Organist

Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
7.30 p.m.—Evening service.

Monday, Jan. 17—The Annual Congregational Meeting, Pot Luck Supper served at 6.30 p.m. Let us come together, gratefully to review the past year and earnestly to plan for this year.

We want to make 1944 a VICTORY YEAR.

SECOND MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Norman Rowan, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

9.55 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Mr. Stan. Hunt from Toronto, well known Gospel soloist, who participated in the recent Interdenominational meeting will sing.

Our Sentence Sermon
We have only One Life here Live it for Christ.

Lay up for Yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. St. Matthew 6:20.

Plan to attend the Markham Township Sunday School Convention in Markham United and Presbyterian Churches on Tuesday, Jan. 18th. Special singing, excellent speakers, hospitable entertainment.

MENNONITE CHURCHES
DICKSON HILL and MT. JOY
Rev. S. S. Shantz, Minister
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

MOUNT JOY

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service

DICKSON HILL

Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944
10 a.m.—Morning Worship
11 a.m.—Sunday School.

MELVILLE, BETHESDA AND PEACH'S CHURCHES
Minister Rev. A. J. Orr

Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944
Peach's—10 a.m.
Melville—11.15 a.m.
Bethesda, 3 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21, Melville Y.P.U. at the home of Mrs. Ed. Nigh.

BLOOMINGTON, RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
Rev. G. W. Brown, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

11 a.m.—Bloomington. Morning Worship

2.30 p.m.—Ringwood

Subject: "Sitting with Christ upon a Throne."

7.30 p.m.—Ringwood

Subject: "Facing a Crisis."

Hear these messages from the Book of Revelation.

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Altona S.S. 10.30 a.m.

Classes for all ages.

Bloomington C. E. meeting, Friday,

8.00 p.m. at the home of Mr. Eldon

Fairles. Neighbors invited.

You are cordially invited to attend these services. Plan to Come.

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. D. Macgregor, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Bible School. Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship.

STOUFFVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH
Rev. E. Moyer, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

10.30 a.m.—Altona S. S.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

2.30 p.m.—Mongolia S.S.

7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic.

Thursday, 8 p.m., Stouffville prayer meeting.

Friday, 8 p.m., Mongolia meeting.

Next Week

Wednesday evening, Altona prayer meeting.

"Come thou with us, we will do thee good." Num. 10:29.

MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH GORMLEY and BETHESDA
Rev. F. Huson, Pastor
GORMLEY

Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

2.00 p.m.—Sunday School

3.00 p.m.—Preaching

7.30 p.m.—Young Peoples' service. Special Singing.

BETHESDA
Sunday, Jan. 9, 1944

7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic service

Come and enjoy Christian Fellowship with us.

STOUFFVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Charles Montgomery, Pastor
Miss Nora Stapleton, Organist
Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Bible School

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship

7.30 p.m.—Gospel service

Monday, 7.30 p.m. teen age girls meeting.

Friday, 7.00 p.m.—Children's Meeting

Friday, 8 p.m. Christian E. meeting.

CHURCH HILL

Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1944

2.00 p.m.—Bible School

3.00 p.m.—Divine Worship

Friday, 4.30 p.m.—Children's meeting at Mrs. Forfar's house

Everybody Welcome.

Farm Mechanics SHORT COURSES

Lectures Demonstrations Lantern Slides FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Buttonville - Mon. & Tues., Jan. 17, 18

Agincourt - Tues. & Wed., Jan. 18, 19

Stouffville - Thurs. & Fri., Jan. 20, 21

Vellore - Mon. & Tues., Jan. 24, 25

Thistleton - Tues. & Wed., Jan. 25, 26

Kettleby - Thurs. & Fri., Jan. 27, 28

Nobleton - Thurs. & Fri., Feb. 3, 4

Subjects: Rope splicing and repairing, labour-saving devices, repair and adjustment of mowers, binders, seed drills, corn binders, corn loaders, other farm machinery, also tractor maintenance, electric motors, milking machines and farm buildings. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No Charge

New machinery still rationed - Service your old ones now Be on time Bring your lunch

W. M. Cockburn, N.W. market Agricultural Representative

Annual Meeting

MARKHAM AND EAST YORK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

will be held in the Town Hall

MARKHAM

Monday, Jan. 17, 1943

at 2.30 p.m.

BUSINESS WILL CONSIST OF RECEIVING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PAST YEAR AND OTHER REPORTS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All members of the Society and those interested in the Fair are urged to attend

Directors meet at 2 p.m.

John Scott
President

R. H. Crosby
Secretary