

Elmer Winn Missing After Air Operations

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winn, 10th concession just north of Stouffville, received a cable on Tuesday informing them that their son, Lt. Elmer Winn is missing after air operations over Germany.

The last letter received from their son was written on Feb. 4th and was just two weeks reaching its destination here.

Elmer Winn was the eighth local boy to join the airforce, enlisting in June 1941. Only recently he was promoted from the rank of Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant, having stepped from Pilot Officer to F.O. during his training days in Brandon, in June 1943.

Local Boy Tells of Barefooted Car Drivers in India

John Gray, R.C.A.F. Now in India Makes Interesting Observations in New Post

LAC John Gray, R.C.A.F. who spent his boyhood days in Stouffville with his mother and sister as residents of the brick cottage just east of W. S. Widdfield home, has written some interesting observations he has made since arriving at his new airforce post in India.

He writes in part: "I think I'm going to like this country alright, it's a treat to see the sun shining so much. I was talking to a Canadian Officer last night who had been here for two years and he says he would rather have this country any day than England. It amuses me more than anything else to watch these Indians. They all seem to earn their living by carrying stuff on their heads. I saw one of them yesterday with a great big basket of wet fish on his head and it was dripping down all over him, but he didn't seem to mind. You could smell him a mile off. The ones with money all have modern American cars and go sailing around, driving them in their bare feet. They wear various things to distinguish one car from another. Some have a red mark on their forehead just over their nose. Some have a brilliant stone embedded in the left side of their nose and some have a ring hanging from the bottom of their nose and as they walk along it's all the time hitting them in the mouth. The women wear rings on their toes instead of their fingers.

There are a lot of half-casts and it's hard to tell whether they are English or not until they speak because not many of them can speak English. The ones with money have very modern homes with beautiful grounds around them and a whole string of servants. There doesn't seem to be any middle class here. They are either very poor or very rich.

The food is quite good and eggs seem to be very plentiful. I've been having them at the rate of 4 or 5 a day. There are some good canteens run by both Indian and white women. We get a good meal for one rupee."

Raised Over \$500 for Bible Society

Contributions raised in the Stouffville district for the British and Foreign Bible Society have exceeded \$500 and there are still a few collectors who have not completed their work. Those sections which have reported, says Mr. Lambert Stouffer, have responded splendidly, and the Bible Society wish to extend thanks to the canvassers and the givers alike for their interest in this great work.

Contributions are reported as follows:

Stouffville, N.E.	36.95
Stouffville, N.W.	148.00
Stouffville, S.W.	81.85
Stouffville, S.E.	28.75
Miscellaneous gifts	3.50
Baker Hill section	34.50
Mongolla division	30.00
Wideman Church district	35.85
Dickson Hill	27.55
Bethesda	48.00
Church Hill	12.00
Ringwood section	33.25
Melville district	20.80
Peaches district	14.29
Total	\$536.25

Vivian team is heading the church group league from west of Stouffville, with Bloomington's steam roller boys in second place. Crowds are increasing at the games held in Stouffville.

Death in London Hospital Touches a Local Home

Lieut. Fraser Ritchie was Husband of Former Erma Burkholder — Father-in-Law also Critically Ill.

While the life of one of our most prominent and highly esteemed citizens, Mr. A. C. Burkholder, hung in the balance throughout last week, a cable was received from London on Saturday announcing the death of Lieut. Fraser Ritchie, son-in-law of Mr. Burkholder. Mrs. Ritchie, the former Erma Burkholder, is in Stouffville with her mother where she has been spending much of her time owing to the critical condition of her father.

Lieut. Maxwell Fraser Ritchie, 42 public relation officer at Canadian Military Headquarters, London, died suddenly in London, Eng., Thursday. He was admitted to hospital only a few hours before his death. He was buried in a military cemetery in the midst of Canadian Army training camps in Southern England. Lieut. Ritchie was well known in Toronto as press representative, and before going overseas conducted his own business, Central News Bureau, which during his absence has been operated by his wife.

Going overseas in September, 1941 Lieut. Ritchie first served as warrant officer with No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station, R.C.A.M.C. Later he went to the Officers' Training School in Britain, and a year ago became public relations officer at Canadian Military Headquarters, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Lieut. Ritchie was born in Toronto and attended University of Toronto Schools. He established the Central News Bureau in 1936.

Surviving are his widow, Erma Burkholder Ritchie; a son, Burk; his mother, Mrs. George M. Ritchie, all of Toronto; three sisters, Mrs. G. I. Kinman, Toronto; Julia, in France; and Mrs. Don C. Brown, Ottawa; and two brothers, Bruce of Detroit and Wells of Toronto.

120 Offer Blood at Local Clinic

At the Blood Donors Clinic held at Markham on February 17th, there were 120 donations made, 75 were made by men and 45 were made by women. Five of those reporting were turned down because they had eaten fat for breakfast.

The following completed their third donation at this clinic: Earl Appleton, Mrs. E. J. Appleton, Jr., Clarion Baker, Wm. A. Barkey, Chas. Daddon, Miss Esther Davis, Miss Elizabeth Foote Jack Grove, Lloyd Ham, Leonard Houghton, Mrs. John Keeler, Reuben Meyer, Russell Pearson, Frank Reesor, Victor Stover, Miss Tapscott, Earl Thom. Mrs. Vernon Trunk, Mrs. Dawson Wagg, Richard Ward, Mrs. J. Whitehouse, Ed Wicks, Miss Elizabeth Wideman, Harley Wideman, J. Wesley Wideman.

We need more names for the next Clinic which will be held at the East United Church Hall, Markham, toward the end of March, the exact date for the clinic will be announced next week. Names may be given to M. E. Watts, Stouffville, Ph. 5403; Dr. Inis Macdonald, Markham, Ph. 23; Dr. Tomlinson, Clarendon; Mrs. Buckles, Whitevale.

Couple Married in Goodwood Church

Baskets of spring flowers graced Goodwood United Church, Saturday, February 19th, 1944, for the marriage of Blanche Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bacon, and Earl George, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Dowswell, both of Goodwood.

Rev. L. E. Atkinson officiated, and Miss Martha Stewart was at the piano. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white brocaded satin with a deep-sweet heart neckline, and a richly gathered skirt sweeping from the slightly dropped waistline. Her fingertip length tulle veil was caught with orange blossoms. She carried a cascade of red roses.

Miss Lillian Bacon was her sister's only attendant, gowned in a street-length dress of ice-water blue sheer with matching shoulder length veil, and carried a nosegay of variegated sweet peas. Walter, Hope attended the groom as best man, and the ushers were George Dowswell and Kenneth Bacon.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where the

FLYING WITH BEURLING



Gordon E. Morley, wireless operator and radio technician in the R.C.A.F. overseas, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morley of Clarendon. Gordon, according to latest word received here by his parents is now stationed on the same drome as Buzz Beurling, the noted Canadian ace. In April of this year he will mark his third birthday in the Old Country. Two brothers are members of the Stouffville Air Cadet Unit, the one lad being recently promoted to the rank of Cpl.

More Homes Changing Hands

Last week the small house on Main street one door west of Mr. Wes. Schell's residence was sold by Mr. Schell to Mr. Cecil Andrews who will locate in Stouffville to take a position in the Machine & Tool Works. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews who come from Woodbridge will locate here 1st of March.

This residence was built about twelve years ago by Dean Kester of Timmins for use of his mother the late Mrs. George Kester. Mr. Schell later assumed the place from Mr. Kester and has had it rented to Mr. John Badgerow who recently bought a place in Clarendon and will be moving shortly.

Another important real estate transaction which was completed last week was the sale of the former Beebe residence also on Main street west to Dr. E. S. Barker. The place is tenanted at present by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Love who will be looking for new premises.

The Beebe residence was for many years the McCullough home in Stouffville, and was later acquired by the late Byron Beebe and was sold by his daughter, Mrs. James Monk. Dr. and Mrs. Barker are at present occupying the former Latchford home not far from where they will be moving next summer, when they get possession of their new purchase.

Injuries Plague Markham in Finals

Markham dropped the first game of the final O.H.A. Junior 'B' series to Toronto Navy by the score of 7-2 in Aurora Arena on Tuesday night.

While Navy were bolstered for the contest with a first-string line from Toronto Marboros, Markham were plagued throughout with injuries. Two of their stars including the hard-working Routcliffe were carried from the ice in the first period, while both Gibson and Bowcott, two mainstays of their first forward line were unable to play due to injuries received in Friday's game with Whitby.

Markham proved no match for the boys of the silent service under the circumstances. However we are informed by the local management that the team will be at full strength for Friday's home game.

Stouffville High School Commencement this Thursday and Friday evening, Ratcliff's Hall.

a corsage of yellow roses. The groom's mother also received, choosing a frock of navy blue crepe accented with white with a corsage of yellow roses. A buffet luncheon was served by Alice Tinfall, Winnie and Martha Stewart, with Mrs. T. Stevenson pouring tea.

For the wedding trip, the bride donned a powder blue crepe suit, matching hat, and black suede acces-

Town Objective Is \$3,900 For Red Cross Drive

Mr. F. L. Button, president of the Red Cross in town told a body of workers on Monday evening that the objective for the village was \$3,900, or a hundred dollars more than last year. Stouffville's fame has gone abroad in respect to its splendid contributions to this worthy objective, and great things are expected of her again. The need now is greater than ever with so many boys in enemy hands, and the Red Cross the only organization to furnish them goods from home.

Chosen to canvass the business men were the following:

East End—A. V. Nolan, F.L. Button North Centre—Hugh Bannerman, South Centre—H. W. Sanders, H. O. Klinek.

South West—Walter Brillinger, E. A. Button, North West—J. H. Ratcliff, I. Aldred

Women canvassers will call on the homes, but will not call on any business firms.

Two small divisions of Whitchurch township, we understand, are linked with Stouffville to aid in reaching the objective.

The local campaign will be launched the latter part of next week.

Roy Seeks to Upset Damage Verdict

\$10,000 Damages Awarded Clarendon Merchant, Subject of Appeal at Osgoode Hall.

A case of widespread interest throughout the district and especially in the Clarendon section came up at Osgoode Hall in the Court of Appeal last week when following a lengthy hearing decision was reserved in the case of Robert G. Roy of Toronto and Clarendon, against the judgment handed down in an alienation of affections case by Mr. Justice Kelly at Whitby on October 16 last.

Roy is seeking to upset the judgment which awarded Mr. Fred Mowder, Clarendon storekeeper, \$10,000 damages. Hearing of the case at Whitby attracted interest throughout York and Ontario counties. The case was heard before a jury who found Roy guilty.

At the hearing before the Court of Appeal, A. G. Slight and J. Cordi Boland appeared for Roy and E. J. Hughes and A. S. Greer for Mowder.

RAMSEY ASSESSED \$25 WITH LICENSE CANCELED

Gilbert Ramsey charged with reckless driving when his car struck down John Phillips, local resident some months ago, was assessed \$25 and costs in court last week. Phillips was in the hospital for a long time since he was seriously injured and his chance of recovery not too bright for a period.

The light sentence was accompanied by an order cancelling Ramsey's right to drive a car again.

Fire Consumes Home of Local Girl Now in B.C.

A letter reaching Mr. H. O. Klinek this week from his daughter Agnes, (Mrs. Hugh Herbison), of Minstrel Island, B.C., tells of a near tragedy which occurred on the afternoon of February 11th when their floating home was almost totally destroyed by fire which apparently resulted from a gas explosion in the kitchen stove.

While the parents were in a boat a few yards distant from the floating home and nineteen-day old baby Katherine lay asleep in her bedroom, flames and smoke were seen to suddenly burst forth from the kitchen. As the living room, also was immediately enveloped in flames only heroic efforts at great risk to himself enabled Mr. Herbison to rescue his child through a bedroom window. Katherine suffered slight burns from contact with her father's clothing, but the father who fought on in spite of serious burns was later taken to the hospital at Alert Bay where his injuries were attended to.

Mrs. Herbison praises highly the good neighbors of the camp who fought the fire and rendered deeds of



View of a disabled Canadian tank through a shell hole in a stable on the Moro front. German resistance was particularly fierce in this sector on the Canadian advance.

Mother With Babe in Her Arms Falls Down the Stairs

Accident Proves Fatal for Three-Months Old Child of Scott Township Couple. Tragedy Breaks upon Quilting of W.A. Women.

A shocking accident occurred at a quilting one day last week in the Township of Scott, north of Uxbridge, when a mother fell down the stair steps with her small baby in arms, resulting in the death of her three-months old child. Mrs. Ronald Ross, mother of the child, had gone to the Woman's Association meeting at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Allen Ross. She placed her baby upstairs, but during the meeting, was prevailed on to bring down her first born, that the neighbors might see the wee cherub.

Mrs. Ross was about nine steps from the bottom of the stairs when she tripped in some manner and fell. It is believed the infant's head struck the baseboard in the fall.

In an incredibly short time the child was rushed to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto where it died twenty minutes after being admitted. Mrs. Ross suffered only minor bruises in the fall.

The sad accident cast a deep gloom over the whole neighborhood, and great sympathy is expressed for the distracted mother and father. Mrs. Ross was a daughter of Wesley Page of Uxbridge and was a nurse before her marriage.

MARKHAM RESIDENT DEAD IN 83rd YEAR

Resident of Markham village for 15 years and a lifelong resident of Markham township, William T. Thomson died at his late home there in his 83rd year. His parents were among the very early settlers in the municipality. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Florence, and four sons, Stewart, Walter, Ernest and Wallace.

Joint Twp. Council Meeting Discusses Gravel Hill Project

Agreement Expected Shortly that will Reduce Steep Incline to a Mere Grade.

A joint meeting of the councils of Uxbridge and Whitchurch convened in Stouffville on Saturday evening to discuss and explore the possibilities of wiping out Gravel Hill on the townline north of this town, or at least rendering it to a mere grade, and at the same time utilizing the thousands of yards of gravel known to be available there.

It was evident from the attitude of both councils that there is a sincere desire to accomplish this work which is fervently urged by the residents in the section, while the municipalities need the gravel deposits that could be obtained for their township roads.

Since both townships have different engineers it was decided to meet again at the Good Roads Convention in Toronto this week when the engineers could be present with the councils and a final arrangement made to proceed with the work this summer. Barring any unforeseen circumstance it can be fairly said that an agreement will be reached right away to call for tenders for the

WILL RETURN HOME SUNDAY

Friends will be glad to know the Rev. S. Goudie will be able to return home next Sunday from the Toronto General Hospital, where he was taken to undergo a rather severe operation in setting a fractured hip received when he fell on the cement while shovelling snow. Mr. Goudie is described by visitors to the hospital, as very cheerful. However, he will, unfortunately, have to remain in bed for at least three months while the bone knits.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. Albert Clark, Stouffville R.R. announces the engagement of his second daughter, Ruby May to Gordon Randolph Taber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Taber, Bloomfield, Ne Brunswick. The wedding to take place in March.

Youngest of Four Brothers in Service Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cutler, Ballisrae, were informed on Tuesday that their son Flt. Sgt. Eric Cutler missing after operations over Germany. Just turned 19 years of age, Eric attended high school in Stouffville and is the youngest son. The other brothers are in different branches of the armed forces, and another offered his services but was rejected on physical grounds, in addition a sister Alleen is with nursing corps.

In a letter just received by mother only the day before the message informed the family that Eric was missing, he said that in case was reported missing at any time family was not to worry.

SQUADRON LEADER



Squadron Leader, Harold Sanders, of Weston, former assistant crown attorney, York county, has been promoted from flight lieutenant. He is with the legal department of No. 7 Training Command, R.C.A.F. Toronto. He enlisted with the