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Women canvassers will call on the homes and business men will canvass the business areas.

The Red Cross is now facing the critical period of its responsibility. Our boys are scattered all over the earth. They need much more than mere fighting equipment.

They are our boys, many of them have never before been away from home. Now they are far away, and we must reach out and touch them.

The Red Cross parcels are going to the boys by the millions. They have to keep going until the war is won.

- Donations received to date: J. K. Agnew \$100, Hugh Bannerman 100, F. L. Button, K.C. 150, Mrs. J. McCullough 100, Dr. H. B. Freel 100, E. A. Button 100, Jas. H. Ratcliff 100, Wesley C. Schell 100, Jos. Borinsky 100, B. & S. Telephone Co. 100

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Business Block Reported in Process of Changing Hands

A well founded rumor in town reports that the Grubin block is under sale to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jack by the Toronto General Trust Co. and Earl Grubin, executors of the Alex. Grubin estate.

ATTENDING BAKERS' CONVENTION

Proprietor of the Stouffville Bakery, Mr. Ambrose Stover was in attendance for a couple of days this week at the Bakers' Convention being held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Farmer Expires Removing Overcoat

In the act of removing his overcoat after a trip to Toronto, Alexander Neilson, farmer on the second concession of Scarborough near Malvern, dropped dead. He was 74 years of age, and was an uncle to Mrs. H. A. Kirton, Atha.

Mr. Neilson had gone to Toronto to visit a clinic where he had been doctoring since last September, and enroute home told a friend at Agincourt that he was to now well and felt that he was about to enjoy life once more.

Mr. Neilson was born in Scarborough and was of Scotch descent. He was a staunch Presbyterian, and a man of strict morals. He never knew the taste of liquor.

Honour Graduates Receive High School Diplomas

Fifty Farm Service Certificates Given Out at Annual Commencement Exercises

Capacity audiences attended the annual Commencement Exercises of the Stouffville High School on Thursday and Friday evenings when ten honour graduates received their diplomas, ten were given Junior Matriculation Certificates, twenty-two Intermediate Certificates, and fifty Farm Service Certificates.

The Honor Certificates were given to, Florence Brownsberger, Helen Campbell, Dean Fockler, Nellie Gostick, Marion Hunt, Jean Miller, Arnold Schell, Wilbur Smalley, Noreen Steekley, Murray Wilson. Junior Matriculation diplomas went to, Cameron Aldred, Frances Clarkson, Margaret Glover, Ruth Gooding, Lorraine Hisey, Grace Latham, Noreen Steekley, Norma Stover, Pearl Taylor, Eileen Weldon.

The large audiences which attended on each evening were greeted by Ruth Gooding, president of the school Literary Society and the valedictory address was delivered by Jean Miller.

The usual fine variety program was well received, choruses, dances and quartettes all receiving a fine round of applause. The music was conducted by Principal Murphy with Margaret Stover, Betty Farmer, Beatrice Lickorish and Kay Green accompanists.

The highlight of the entertainment was the one act royalty play, "The Teapots on the Rocks." Credit for the excellent casting of the comedy goes to Mrs. Reg Button. The cast included, Lorraine Hisey, Mary Williams, Betty Davis, Kenneth Schell, Benny Jones and Harold Steekley.

Meet Unexpectedly in South America

Rev. E. A. Prentice, son of Mr. George Prentice of Milliken and brother of Clarke Prentice, auctioneer, in a letter home last week tells of a strange but pleasant meeting he had in far away Colombia, South America.

Mr. Prentice says that he had gone to the British Consulate for his passport. The secretary proved to be an old Markham boy by the name of Crease.

The family lived on the farm recently sold by Jack Fraser at Unionville. The father now owns a big ranch in Colombia, near Honda, on the Magdalena river, and is a fine Christian gentleman, according to Rev. Mr. Prentice.

This meeting only once more emphasizes the smallness of this big world.

BROUGHAM-WHITBY GAME FRIDAY

In the Whitby Arena this Friday night Brougham and Whitby will meet in the second game of their final round in the South Ontario hockey circuit. The game last week resulted in a win for the county town of 6-4, but it's games not goals that count so the Brougham setup is hoping to turn the trick. Local material is prevalent on the Brougham team.

TRAINING AT U. OF T.



Dean Fockler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Almer Fockler just east of Stouffville. Dean was educated in Stouffville and is now a member of No. 2 Army Training Corps at the University of Toronto.

Isabella Will Ring the Bell

From a belfry in a school building in or near Isabella, Manitoba, will resound the notes of the old bell which hung for so many years atop the Todd Carriage Works, Stouffville, and which was only recently taken down.

Mr. Walter Atkinson, new owner of the Todd building, permitted The Tribune to make the statement that he would present the bell to any school section that would like to have it, and the first call came from far away Manitoba, through Mr. Archie Stewart, brother of Miss Sadie Stewart and an old Uxbridge township boy.

Mr. Atkinson will crate the bell and ship it West in a few days.

Navy Juniors Group Champions

Markham Juniors Will Continue in 'B' Play-Downs - Navy Steps into 'A' Company.

Navy Juniors defeated Markham in the second game of their best of three final series in the Markham Arena on Friday night by the score of 4-3, taking the group championship by virtue of their two straight wins.

Navy will now enter the Junior 'A' play-downs while Markham will continue in the Junior 'B' playdowns.

Although Markham held a slight edge in the first two periods, Navy came through with a fast one from the stick of White with less than two minutes to go, in the third period which put the game in the bag.

Although outplayed by the Green-shirts in the opening session, Navy counted two rather easy ones, holding the Markham boys to a single counter to take the lead, 2-1.

Tempers flared in the mid-session with play see-sawing back and forth at high speed, but Walsh and Sellers rose to the occasion in the rival nets and held all sharpshooters off for the twenty minutes. Sutherland, Dillon and Baker were banished for minor penalties.

At the three minute mark in the final period, Mishinuk clicked for the home team, to tie the count at 2-2. Two minutes later, Whittle from Forge, made it 3-2 in favor of Markham. Navy came right back to even matters only a minute later, and banged home the winning tally at the 18.30 mark. Penalties in the last period went to Little, Tipoff and Dillon.

BIRTHS HOOD - At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on February 29, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Aylmer Hood, Glasgow, a daughter. O'NEIL - At Stirling, Ont., on February 27, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Neil, a daughter (Diane Margaret).

Ministers Strangely Preach from Same Text at Funeral

At the funeral service for the late Mrs. Daniel Ramer held in the Wide-man church on Sunday afternoon, the ministers for the occasion were Messrs. Fred Nighswander of Altona and Reuben Detweller of Florida. As is the custom among the old Methodists there are two addresses or sermons preached on such occasions, and strangely enough the two ministers chose exactly the same text, Revelation 14:13, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

These ministers residing at wide distances (and of course who may never have conferred with each other had they been living in the same district.) strangely enough were led to choose the same text for this fine old woman who lived to the ripe age of nearly 86 years.

The deceased was the former Adelaide Reesor of Scarborough, and was the second wife of the late Dan Ramer who predeceased her in 1932. She was a woman of very fine qualities, was converted at the age of 25 years when she joined the church to which she owed allegiance for so many years.

Mrs. Ramer had lived in her own home for some years now in Mount Joy, but during her active days resided on the farm on the 7th concession. No children were born to her.

Surviving step-children are Misses Elsie and Grace Ramer, Jonas, Leonard, Sidney, and Eldon. Mrs. Ramer is also survived by five brothers, namely, Henry, Flavius, Herman, Abram, and Benjamin Reesor, and by three sisters, Mrs. David Grove, Markham, Mrs. Elias and Mrs. Joseph Barke, both of Pickering township.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon proceeded from the late home in Mount Joy to the Wideman church and cemetery. Mr. Detweller, one of the ministers, is a relative of the deceased by marriage.

The pall bearers were all nephews, Messrs. Ernest, Wilfred, Frank and Willis Reesor, Frank Barkey and Russell Grove.

Mrs. Robert Gowe is back from Toronto General Hospital, after recent operation, and is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Walsh.

Starboard Motors Blasted in Aerial Battle Over Germany

With both starboard motors useless, Flight Sergeant Clifford Coathup, of Unionville, faced the difficult task of piloting his heavy bomber, with full crew, 450 miles back to his base.

The young Canadian pilot had just completed his bomb run over Central Germany, laid his bombs and was returning home. He was attacked by a Messerschmidt fighter. Although he tried to manoeuvre away from the blazing guns of the enemy fighter plane, the Hun caught his starboard engines in the sights and disabled them.

The plane was 450 miles from its home airport, with all the crew at their posts. The only loss of weight for the return trip was the bombs, just released a few minutes previously. Only two of the four-motors were functioning.

During the first 50 miles of the journey the young airman had a difficult time keeping the plane on an even keel. The pull was all against the starboard side and the strain on the opposite wing made control almost impossible.

After gaining better altitude the navigator set a course that was carried out and the plane, with its two starboard engines still useless, was landed safely at its own English base.

Flight Sgt. Coathup has been overseas for more than a year. He is 21 years of age.

A brother, W. O. George Coathup, 23, is also with the R.C.A.F. serving as a wireless air gunner. He spent some months with the Atlantic Coastal Patrol, but is now stationed in Ireland.

Both boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harzey Coathup.



Clings to Spitfire's Tail

Pilot Officer James Abbotts of Owen Sound, Ont. is probably the only pilot who ever landed a Spitfire while hanging on to the tail and lived to tell about it. Abbotts, now a prisoner of war in Germany, bailed out of his spinning plane and found himself dangling behind the chute cords tangled inside the cockpit. His weight on the tail-planes brought the machine out of its dive and it made a landing in occupied country. He was only slightly injured.

Mother and Daughter Widowed Within Week

A. C. Burkholder, Fifty Years a Banker - Buried Sunday - Was in His 75th Year

Probably there was no better known personage in the Stouffville district than Mr. A. C. Burkholder who passed away at his residence in town on Friday just shortly after noon. He was in his 75th year, and had been associated with the banking business in this place since boyhood. Ten years ago he retired as manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

In declining health for a couple of years, his eyesight recently completely failed and this proved a severe shock to the deceased. His demise was a double blow to the family since only the Saturday before his death, his only daughter Erma, at home with her mother due to the father's condition, received the sad news of the death of her husband, Lieut. Fraser Ritchie who died in an English hospital.

Addison C. Burkholder was born at Lemonville, son of the late John Burkholder pioneer farmer and saw-miller. As a youth he came to Stouffville and entered the private bank operated by the late Walter Miller. He became associated with the chartered banks when the Sovereign took over Mr. Miller's business.

A public spirited citizen Mr. Burkholder always stood for improvements in the community. He supported the bylaw for the present water system; was an advocate of our good roads system which was so bitterly opposed by some ratepayers during its promotion days. He was a past master of Richardson Masonic Lodge, and the I.O.O.F. and an official of the United Church.

In sporting circles "A.C." as he was so familiarly known to all was a member of the famous Stouffville lacrosse team that won the Ontario championship, and was an effective player. He was on the baseball lineup too of 45 years ago.

Surviving are his widow the former Sarah Ann James, daughter of the late George James, Stouffville, tinsmith, also one daughter Erma Ritchie and one grandson Burk Ritchie. Also surviving are one brother Herman Burkholder on the old homestead on the 7th of Whitchurch and one sister Mrs. Luella Harwood of Toronto.

The funeral service on Sunday afternoon was held at the late home, and was conducted by Rev. D. Davis of the United Church. The pall bearers were Dr. E. S. Barker, Dr. H. B. Freel, F. L. Button, K.C., H. W. Sanders, Fred Marshall, A. G. Thompson. Flower bearers were Messrs. F. E. Rae, E. A. Button, Sam Armstrong, T. B. Rae, C. Pipher, Wesley Bowdway.

PASSED PIANO EXAMS.

Congratulations to the following pupils of Miss Ila C. Weighill, A.T. C.M. who were successful at the recent examinations held at the Toronto Conservatory of Music: Eldred Milne, harmony grade IV; Edith Dzwini, theory grade II, first-class honours; Helen Russell, theory grade II, honours; Betty Hill, theory grade II, honours; Marion Dzwini, theory grade I, first-class honours.

Meet Victory Aircraft

Markham O.H.A. Juniors will meet Victory Aircraft in the next round of the Junior 'C' playdowns Friday, March 3rd, at Markham. Victory Aircraft defeated Marlboros to emerge winner of their T.H.L. group and gain the right to enter the O.H.A. playdowns.

Fork Pierces Eye

Carrying several barn forks from the house to the barn on Tuesday afternoon, Keith Hutchinson, son of Mrs. Martin Hutchinson, Whitchurch, slipped on some ice and in the fall one of the tines of a fork pierced his eye. After being given first aid by a local doctor, he was rushed to the hospital, since the injury was very critical.

LEAP YEAR BABY

Said to be the first leap year baby born in Stouffville on the 29th day of February in more than a score of years, arrived at the hospital in town on Tuesday, a little son to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aylmer Hood of Glasgow. If the little fellow proves to be socially inclined he will probably choose some other excuse over which to celebrate than his birthdays, since he will have one only every four years.

LIONS DINE IN MARKHAM

Rev. W. A. Hunnisset of Toronto, addressed the Stouffville Lions Club on Monday evening on the subject of Personality. It was Ladies' Night and the affair was held in Markham owing to the lack of catering facilities in Stouffville. Over sixty enjoyed the banquet and the guest speaker's address. Dr. Bodendistel proposed a toast to the ladies, and Mrs. L. C. Murphy responded.

Thieves Batter Markham Safe Get Only \$30

Forcing an entry into Reesor's Marmill in Markham early on Sunday thieves battered open the large safe and got about \$30 in change. Tools from the C.N.R. tool shed at Unionville were stolen and used in breaking into the mill, according to Sergt. Sid Barraclough. The metal change box and a money drawer were found later by North York police. The mill was broken into only a few weeks ago while workmen were upstairs, but the sneaks were unable to move the safe out of the office after getting it to the door.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Martin Hutchinson wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Eida May to Walter Lemon Brown, son of Mrs. Brown and the late John Brown of Stouffville. The marriage will take place on March 11th.