

## Receipts From Two Farm Auctions Near \$10,000

Ideal weather and road conditions prevailed last week for two big public auction sales, resulting in record crowds accompanied by high prices.

On Thursday the auction on the Ed. Nigh farm, 6th concession of Markham witnessed the dispersal of household goods and implements representing the accumulation of three generations on this place, together with Mr. Nigh's horses, dairy herd, and other live stock. The sale totalled over \$5,000, of which \$600 came from house furniture alone. A kitchen cabinet brought \$40, while many pieces were priceless because of their quaintness and association of other days.

Implements were in good demand, a steel-tired wagon going for \$60, with \$20 extra for the box. A double disc went for \$145, present market price, and a drill brought \$90, a cultivator \$95.50.

Auctioneer Farmer didn't reach the line of implements until four o'clock and the sale started at 11.30. However, he was running on schedule, and made a good finish. He sold every animal in the barn in just 40 minutes, some—head, horses, cows, hogs, etc. The high cow went for \$150, and the herd averaged \$100. Heifers sold close to \$100 each. The tractor went for \$515 to George Trench new owner of the farm who bought \$1600 worth. "It was the biggest single cheque I ever took at a sale," said Ross Ratcliff, clerk.

Melville W. A. operated a booth, and made \$50 clear for their Association while rendering a service that needed doing. Cars were parked a mile and more from the farm so great was the attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Nigh and family, two sons and a daughter, will shortly move to their new home in Stouffville.

Last Wednesday the "giving up farming" sale of Harvey Moyer, Dickson Hill, was a grand success. Although Mr. Moyer had sold \$1200 worth of stock and implements by private sale to the new owner of his farm, the sale receipts totalled \$4,500. Much interest centered around the sale of the accredited herd of Holstein cows. Top animal fetched \$210, another realized \$200, while the 24 head totalled \$2870.

G. W. Allison of North Whitchurch bought the threshing outfit at \$600. The same buyer took six cows, and proved to be the heaviest buyer of the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer will move to Stouffville and occupy temporary quarters until their new residence is rushed to completion this summer.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Edwards of Crawford, Sussex, England, announce the engagement of their daughter Ilean to Randolph M. Forsyth, eldest son of Mrs. E. Ireland and the late John Forsyth. Marriage to take place on March 11, 1944, at 3 o'clock, in the Crawford Church. Reception at "The Red Lion."

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Beaton wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Katie Flora Elizabeth, R.N., to Arthur George Edmond, R.C.O.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loyst of Claremont. Wedding to take place the latter part of March.

## Small Syrup Maker Says He Will Take a Holiday

Editor's Mail:

I have been accustomed every spring of going out to the farm for a few days and helping with the sap run. Our people are not really in the maple syrup business but they have made a bit for themselves for years, and we boys if possible go home to help and of course we get three or four gallons ourselves, each of us.

Any law that interfered with that simple set-up is surely no help to the war effort, yet the powers have decreed that I cannot do this thing now. Well, OK, but I won't have the four gallons, and the other boys and my sisters won't get their syrup, and will just use that much more other sweetener.

I have helped make syrup since I was a boy, I like the fun, and just now we did appreciate the syrup since other things were rationed.

We tap in March, boll down the sap, each member of the family taking his or her four gallons, and a few neighbors got the odd gallon too. If the run was good we made 70 or 80 gallons. We always speculated on the worth-whileness of it all, but it was a lot of fun, and was a treat. Now this is forbidden except by coupon, which means we have quit.

Making maple syrup was once a very simple operation in Ontario. I often saw it done as a boy. There have been changes, but I am told by those still in the game that it

## Markham Meets Kingston Next

Markham Juniors will meet Kingston in the next round of the Junior 'B' playdowns, first game in Kingston this Friday night, return game in Markham on Monday, March 13th.

## Sale Receipts Not To be Reported

An erroneous report has been circulating to the effect that the clerk at a farm stock auction is required to make a duplicate copy of the sales and forward a copy of such sales to the Income Tax Department or to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Some clerks have gone to this trouble, and The Tribune has been asked many times about the regulation. We have taken the matter up with Mr. M.A. Manson, assistant enforcement counsel, who informs us that he is not aware of any such regulation whereby a report of farm auctions is to be made to any governmental department whatsoever.

This will be good news for those farmers and for the clerks who have been concerned about the matter, as they could see a lot of trouble in such a regulation with no advantage to the government. The receipts of farm auctions usually represents the life savings of the farmer, and it was unthinkable that the government would seek to take any part of it by way of taxation.

## "Fly in Ointment" In Snowplow Saving

The past winter with its minimum amount of snow will go down in the records as the season with the smallest snow-plowing costs on record and that doesn't dip back very far because in the dim past they went over the snow banks or stayed at home. Today we insist on going through them on wheels.

Markham, Whitchurch, Uxbridge and Pickering Townships will show snow removal costs at only about one-third of the previous winter.

This will effect a considerable saving to these municipalities but for the fly in the ointment. The fact is that the roads being unprotected all winter by the usual covering of snow, have suffered much wear, many have been worn bare of gravel so that the saving effected in snow shovelling will go into gravel next summer, if the traffic lanes are to be brought back to normal state.

We hear from a reliable source that Miss Rose will be back in the Leota in another month.

Mrs. Archie Cook of Goodwood, who has been nursing in Toronto for the past 5 months, is now nursing Mrs. Clark, Albert St., south, Stouffville.



Roy McDonald, son of Mr. A.F. McDonald of Goodwood, is serving overseas with the 48th Highlanders. A brother Earl is also overseas with the Royal Canadian Artillery.

## County Tax Rate Bumped Up Sharply

The York County tax rate is sharply increased this year despite the fact that there is no road construction program to blame the raise on. Members of Stouffville council learned for the first time Monday evening that the county rate had increased. The jump amounts to about half a mill in the Stouffville tax rate, and will be correspondingly increased in Markham, Whitchurch, and all other municipalities.

The county will over-expend this year to the extent of \$80,000. The legislators blame it on the increased school costs, which if correct, must all have been spent in the southern end of the county, and there have been no increased costs to speak of in the north.

The village levy for county purposes amounts to in round figures \$2,661.

Constable Rusnell told council he would not take on any more duties under his contract for \$80 per month. Main jobs performed for this money is cleaning the pavement, drawing away the dirt, digging for breaks in the water system, shovelling snow in winter, care of town building, delivering water and electric bills, and a few other items.

Reeve Weldon tried to induce Mr. Rusnell to take on the job of digging for new water services, and some extra road work, but the cop was adamant, said he had enough, and wasn't overpaid. "We only want to be fair," said Mr. Weldon.

The present contract carries on indefinitely or until either party moves to discontinue it. Councillor Brillinger suggested that we stand by the old contract for another year at least.

## Victoria Square Couple Married Twenty-five Years

On Saturday evening about fifty relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orla L. Heise of Victoria Square to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. George Sheffer, Mrs. E. J. Swalm all of Stayner; Mr. C. E. Heise of Fort Erie; Miss Anna Steckley recently returned from India, also Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shank of Markham, who were married in Alberta on March 5, while Mr. Heise went to Pennsylvania for his bride. Miss Stella Heise of 14 Park Way, Buffalo, sister, was also present.

There were none of Mrs. Heise's relatives present for the occasion from Pennsylvania, but a long distance telephone call was received on Sunday morning expressing congratulations. A little late but the lines were so busy on Saturday evening, the call was delayed.

The family were all present. Mirian is at present on the teaching staff of the Ontario Bible school, Lois a student at O.B.S., Harold Lewis, Anna and Erma at home. After a short programme consisting of a quartette, solos and speeches, luncheon was served, after which many useful and valuable gifts and cards were received which will be held in remembrance of those who gave them.

Mr. and Mrs. Heise reside on the farm which they commenced operating in 1919. Mr. Heise's grandfather built the home in 1853, many have been the changes since that time. It is to be hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Heise will be spared many years of married happiness.

Bethesda W. I. will hold a Crokinole Party on Friday, March 10th, at the home of Mrs. E. Barkey.

## How Do You Like It?

This issue of The Tribune is printed in a new reading type, said to be the last word in legibility. We are sure that the more elderly people whose eyesight is not too good will appreciate the ease with which this new type can be read.

The type face you have been reading heretofore was designed 30 years ago, but we thought our readers were entitled to the best that modern drafting could produce.

The new face is named "Paragon" and every letter of the alphabet, every figure and symbol, has been designed to make it easy to read with pleasure and comfort to those "constant readers" who are the backbone of our subscription list.

With the introduction of Paragon to our newspaper The Tribune stands in first place for modern typography among the Ontario weeklies. Since our circulation is probably the largest of any weekly published in a town of similar size to Stouffville, our subscribers are entitled to the latest and best.

## Stouffville High School Wins in Overtime

In a hard fought, overtime game in Stouffville Arena on Tuesday night, Stouffville High School defeated a Markham school aggregation by the score of 4-3. The first period was scoreless but early in the second frame, Russel Forfar chalked up the first count for the home club, a few minutes later Benny Jones made it 2-0 on a close-in shot. Markham replied with a counter late in the second period, taking the lead with two fast ones in the last period. With only one second to play Ken Schell slammed home the tying marker. In the overtime Schell again tallied to win the game. Stouffville will play Sutton at Sutton this Friday night.

Line-up: goal, Raxlin; def., Ball, Steckley; forward, R. Forfar, Ken Schell, B. Forfar, Jones, Lehman, Davis.

## Presbyterian Pastor Rev. G. Duncan Buried at Melville

A Graduate Druggist he gave up his store here to enter the Ministry.

The death of Rev. Gordon Ross Duncan in the Guelph Hospital on Friday of last week removes a figure from this life of whom Stouffville could be justly proud. Although he was born on the town-line a mile east of Gormley, he came to Stouffville with his parents when a boy, attended school here, later owned the corner drug store, and then entered the ministry. He was an outstanding orator.

Rev. Gordon Duncan was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry at Bishop's Mills, his first charge in 1911, later he became pastor of St. Cuthbert's, Montreal, and then was called to Warkworth, from which place he went to his final charge at Drayton, Presbyterian Church, where he was actively engaged when stricken with a stroke and removed to Guelph hospital where he passed away on Friday. For years he served as clerk of the Saugeen Presbytery and before that was clerk of the Peterboro Presbytery. He had a splendid business training before he entered the ministry.

Son of the late Robert B. Duncan and his wife Rachel Mustard, deceased came to Stouffville from the country as a mere youth. He was 67 years of age. His father operated a carriage shop in conjunction with the old Beebe, blacksmith. After attending pharmacy he operated the Corner Drug Store, but heard the call to the ministry, and immediately set about to equip himself for this great work. Rev. Mr. Duncan was a past Grand Chaplain of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Quebec. He was a public spirited citizen, and helped promote boys' work in his various parishes.

Sixteen years ago his wife, Annie Graham, died. His sister Miss Annie Duncan then a clerk in the Stouffville post office, resigned here and took over the duties in her brother's home. The old parental home in Stouffville has always been retained, and it was the particular delight each summer for Mr. Duncan to spend a short time here out of his busy life. It is hoped that Miss Duncan will return to the home here in due time.

The funeral service was held in Drayton on Monday and the body was then brought to Stouffville for service in St. James Church on Tuesday afternoon. From thence the remains were laid to rest in the family plot at Melville cemetery. Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner conducted the local service.

## Finds Father Dead Where He was Working in Barn

George Wilson, Uxbridge Township, Instantly Taken As He Handled Hay Fork.

Widely known farmer of Uxbridge township, George Wilson, aged 73 years, was found dead in the barn on his farm on Wednesday last week. Death was due to natural causes. Mr. Wilson had left the house in the normal way about two o'clock, after having had the usual dinner. He was not seen again until his son Gordon found him lying face downward near where he had been getting out some hay. The fork he handled was under his body. Indications were that he died on his feet and dropped without the slightest struggle.

The countryside was shocked at the news. Mr. Wilson had been cutting wood at the bush for two days prior to the tragedy, and on the day he was taken, he did the chores at noon hour, and was apparently in normal health.

When son Gordon arrived home from Toronto about six p.m. the father's absence was being noticed since he normally should have come in from the barn about 5.30. Gordon went to look for his father, and made the shocking discovery. Born in Pickering township at Greenwood, George Wilson was named after his father, and is the third generation of Wilsons in Canada. Married 32 years ago to Elizabeth Lewis of Uxbridge township the couple took up farming at lot 11, concession 4. Two children were born to them, a daughter having died in 1928. Gordon and his mother are the survivors. There are two grandchildren, Bernice and Murray.

One brother John Wilson lives in Calgary, and surviving sisters are Mrs. Ed. Jackson and Mrs. Wm. Puckering of Pickering township. The funeral service on Saturday was held at the late home, being taken by Mr. Mather of the United Church. Pall bearers were Messrs. Dan and William Norton, Wm. May, Andrew Ashenhurst, Russel Feasby and Johnson Kidd.

### BIRTHS

WILKES—To Leading Aircraftman and Mrs. Leonard A. Wilkes (nee Nonie Peck) at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, March 8th, 1944, a son, Brian Roger, a brother for Barry.

HARMON—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Tuesday, 7, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon, a son.

ROWAN—At Unionville Nursery Home on March 6, 1944, to Rev. and Mrs. Norman Rowan, the gift of a daughter.

## Local Airman Tells About Life in the Jungles of India

We see no newspapers here in the jungle, but a Jeep brings in mail occasionally. Two white women came in with the Jeep today, one did some dancing and entertaining for us. She used our gramophone for music when dancing. We had to walk 14 miles in here and we'll leave the same way. We are here doing a jungle course, learning how to navigate through them on foot. It will be most practical, and will be a jewel for toughening.

I was over-joyed today to receive three letters from home and if you only knew what pleasure it gave me, you'd polish your nails. Last evening we roasted two sheep on a spit to celebrate the birthday of an English lad 21.

We have a tiger in our district. This morning when one of the boys went down to the lake for water he came running back without the pails as a tiger was getting a drink. The other night one of our lads arrived in his hut so fast there are now two entrances instead of one. He saw something in the dark.

We saw some large monkeys in the jungle, but most of the game is rather timid. A lizard or scorpion insists on hanging around. It fell through the roof one night, and crawls over my netting too much.

I have had some lesson in the Burmese and probably will speak a little of it when I reach home. I received ten parcels from home and I appreciated the gifts from the Stouffville Veterans and chocolate bars which were sent last June. They have just arrived in perfect condition. Stouffville Red Cross parcels and Goodwood War Workers have helped so much and I greatly appreciated their gifts.

We live very simple here, rice, dog biscuits, and whatever we happen to kill make up the meals. I am getting to be a very good cook. During the day it gets quite hot, and you must wear your sun helmet. One of the lads failed to bring his along on a trip so the heavy exertion, rocky mountain climbing, and absence of his helmet proved

### STATIONED AT ST. THOMAS



William D. Malloy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Malloy of Stouffville, who is stationed at St. Thomas with the R.C.A.F. William was born and educated in Stouffville and employed by several local firms prior to enlisting.

## Markham Ousts Malton Boys to Advance in Finals

Sporting a one-goal lead following the first game of their best two of three series, Markham Junior 'B' entry eliminated Victory Aircraft by defeating them in the second game 10-5 in Ravina rink, taking the round 18-12.

The Malton boys tied up the round early in the first period, and the first period ended 2-2. However in the mid-session Markham tallied three times on goals by Michanuk, Gibson, and Bowcott, without a reply from their opponents.

In the final period Markham capitalized on the frenzied efforts of the Aircraft kids to get back in the running, scoring five while their opponents were ganging. It was a wide-open game, but slowed down somewhat by no less than 22 minor penalties handed out by the officials.

Routcliffe, Gibson, Michanuk and Page were the best for Markham while Chauvin, Casburn, Currie and King carried the play for Aircraft.

### NEXT BLOOD DONOR'S CLINIC

The date of the next clinic in Markham will be Thursday, March 23rd. It is urged that all who can donate at this time should do so.

Mr. Frank Baker has just sold his large white house on Baker avenue, occupied by his daughter Mrs. Ramer, to Mr. George Middleton of Claremont, who will move here about the first of May.

Mrs. Gordon Fuller and Miss Luella McMullen accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reaman visited the Western Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday to see Mrs. Jacob McMullen.

Miss Margaret Schell of Stayner spent the weekend with her cousin, Dorothy and Mildred Moyer, Church St., Stouffville.

Mrs. John O'Boyle was able to return home from the hospital on Sunday, showing remarkable signs of improved health, since her operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shank, Markham, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary a few days ago. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Orla Heise of Victoria Square who have been experiencing a similar event.

Coming Social Event. The C.G.I.T. girls will serve a tea at the home of Miss Gertrude Todd on Saturday afternoon, March 11, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

too much and he passed out. However, we got him in some shade and he pulled around. We were eight miles from camp. Tomorrow we stagger out on a two-day effort. Some days we cover 25 miles, but it wouldn't be so bad if we had the bearers carrying our packs and we will be glad to get back to them again. I have read The Tribune through thoroughly and did enjoy them. We see some natives but they run from us. After dark we use candles for lighting.