

## Christian Men's Fellowship Group Organized Here

An organization has recently been formed in the immediate district to town, that promises to be a real benediction to the young people of the locality if leaders carry out their ambitions.

The Stouffville Christian Men's Fellowship as it is called has for its president Earl Crose of Cedar Valley, with Reg. Stouffer and Don Ratcliff, vice-presidents. A program is being planned for the season, and monthly meetings are set for the first Wednesday evening in the month to be topped off with a dinner before the gathering goes to work. These set meetings will be held in Ratcliff's Hall, and are expected to grow in interest.

Other officers elected are: Secretary, Harry Stover; treasurers, Paul Roadway, Mac Clendenning, Art Steckley, chairman of attendance committee, Reg. Stouffer; chairman of evangelistic committee, Alvin Farmer; chairman visitation committee, Chas. Ratcliff.

We understand that open air meetings will be arranged for the summer season.

## C.C.F. Choose Former Tribune Editor as Candidate

Fred Madill, native of Pickering Township, and former editor of The Tribune and prior to that principal of Claremont and Stouffville Continuation schools, has been chosen C.C.F. candidate for York East in the next federal election. That means he will be the candidate for this party in Stouffville and Markham township as the riding now stands. There are rumors, however, that Hon. Wm. Mulock, member for North York, is anxious to bring Markham and Stouffville back into the riding of North York where they once stood.

Mr. Madill was chosen at a convention of more than 100 delegates in the Co-operative Hall on Paper avenue last Friday night. There



F. C. Madill.

were no delegates from Stouffville or Markham, we understand, since this end of the riding is not organized in a political way. However, the choice of an old Stouffville boy as candidate, will add zest and interest to the forthcoming election, whenever it may come.

It is 23 years since Mr. Madill laid down the pen in the office of The Tribune in favor of Wm. Marr whose career was short lived here, and was quickly followed by the present owner, 22 years ago this coming October.

The candidate is a brother of our Mrs. George Lee, Main street.

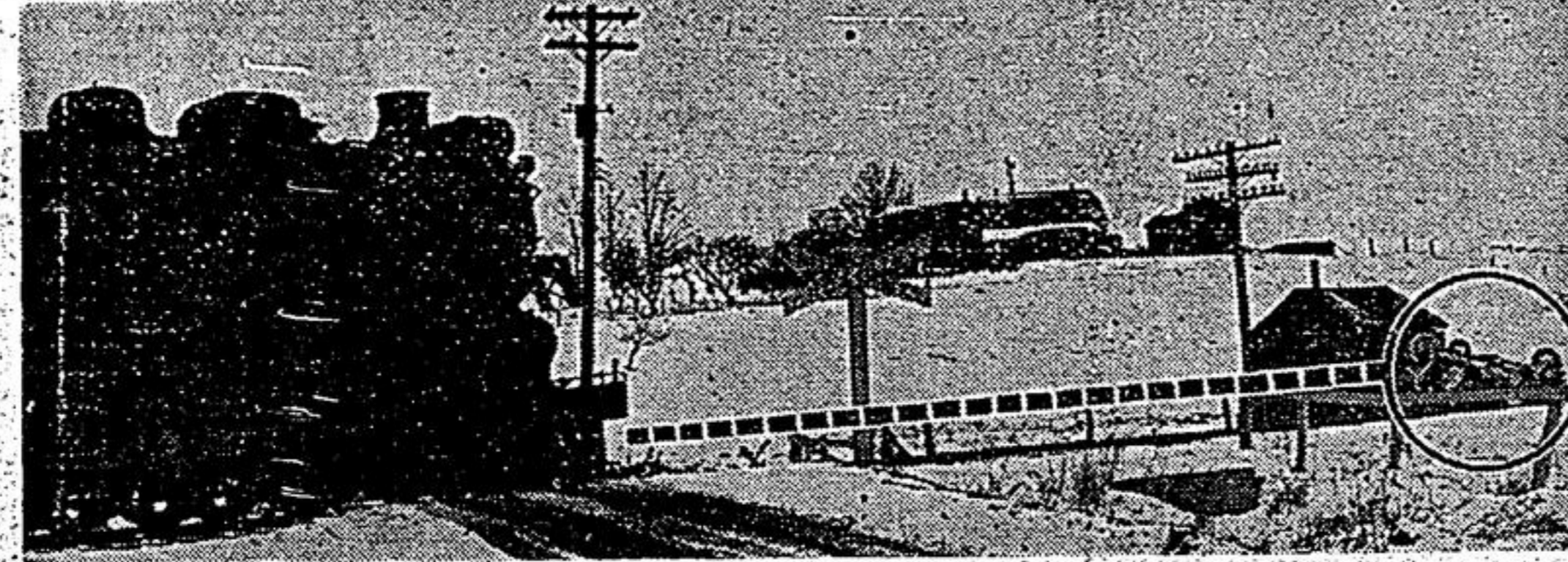
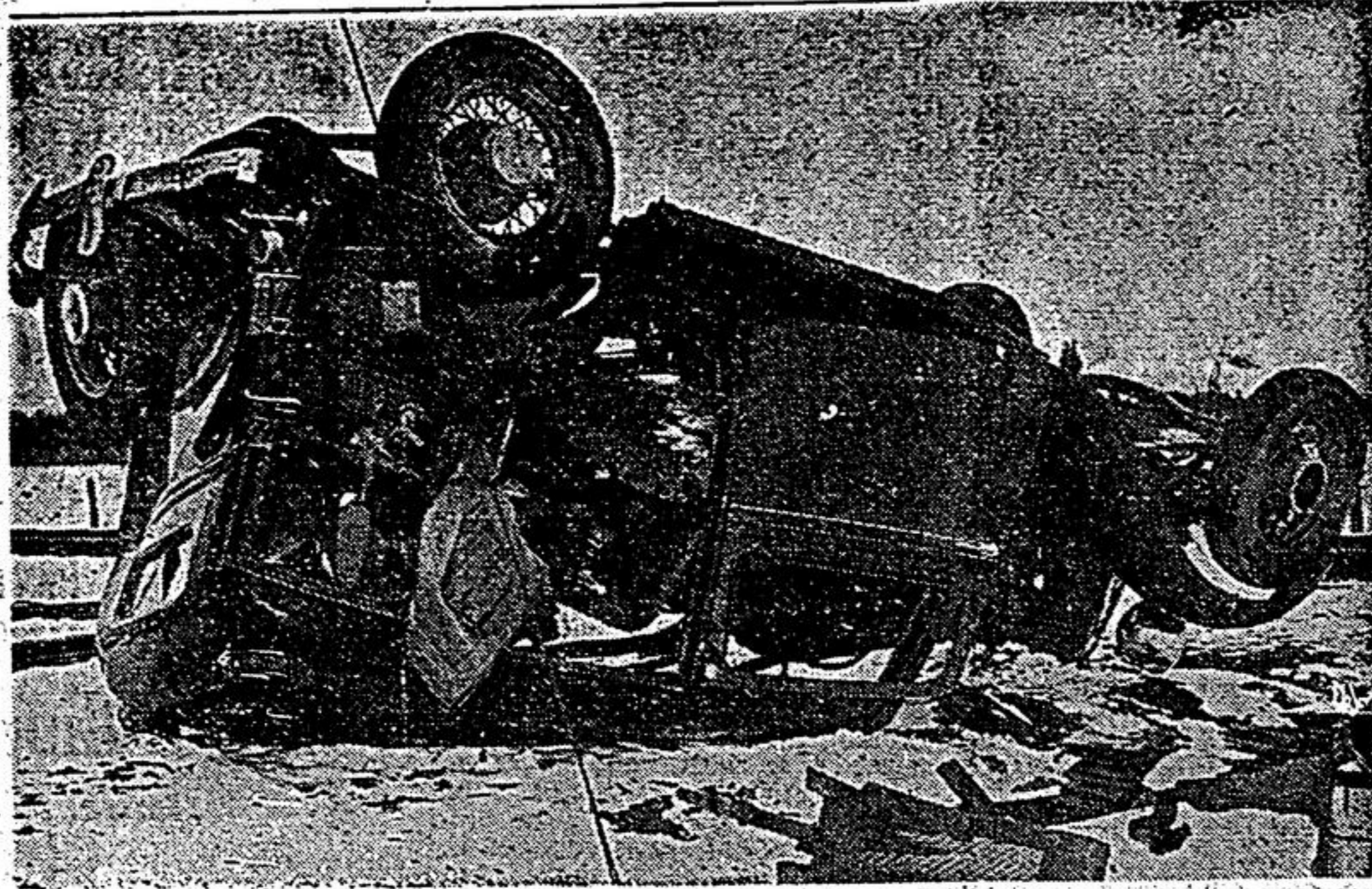
Don't let the success of the C.C.F. during the last provincial election go to your heads, Mr. Madill warned the audience. "We can't drift into a new social order. We must organize every corner of our constituency to win a seat during the next federal election," he added.

A graduate in economics from McMaster University, Mr. Madill has served on party councils for a number of years. Seven other candidates named at the meeting later moved to make his selection unanimous.

"We must change both the nature and the purpose of the state," contended Andrew Brewin, provincial vice-president. He presided during the nomination. "The purpose must be changed from ruthless economic competition to a collective organization of society which will substitute service for that of profit," Mr. Brewin said. "Rather than regimentation, we will extend the area of freedom. The nature of the state must be to represent the common man," he added.

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gooding announce the marriage of their daughter, Mable Dorine to Pte. Allan Bruce Doner. The marriage is to take place on April 29th at three o'clock in Gormley Mennonite Church.



Scenes from the Cherrywood wreck on Saturday when a Cooksville family of 3 who have relatives around Stouffville and Markham was wiped out when their car was struck by a C.P.R. through freight train. Clarke

Prentice, auctioneer, sold the last article in an auction sale being held alongside the tracks to one of the victims a half hour or less before he was killed. Mr. Prentice was one of the first at the scene of the

crash and telephoned four doctors before help arrived. Upper picture shows the overturned car and the lower spot indicates the 150 feet the car was carried after being struck.

## FARM, ALSO HOUSE AND LOT SOLD BY AUCTION

Auctioneer A. S. Farmer made a clean sweep of not only the sale of furniture but the two parcels of real estate at the sale by the executors of the late John Latham in Goodwood on Friday. The house and lot in Goodwood sold to Bert Staley for \$2,050; and the 72 acre farm at Glasgow, went to the tenant Mr. Ed. Davis for \$3,000. Nearly \$300 was realized from the sale of furniture.

## "HEY THERE" FAMILIAR HAY BALL IS NOT

Most of our readers are more or less familiar with a hay-cock, hay fever, hay tedder, and "hey there!" But who ever heard of a hay ball? The editor was introduced to one this week by Mr. Hugh Michell, the poultry king of Pickering township.

The ball of hay is about the size of a football, solid form of hay, and strange to say, such a ball is made by a horse, which in this instance was an aged mare on the Michell poultry farm. The ball was made in the manger where she was putting in her last days since she was pensioned off. Hard as a good cabbage head, the hay ball must have taken a lot of lip work and probably some saliva.

On enquiry we learn that hay balls are not altogether unknown, since other horses have made them in the manger and usually from the short hay. We have to confess that we have travelled a long way in life's journey before we learned about this freak, and so have a lot of our farmers who reviewed the cylindrical form in the office of this paper. Only one in 20 would say, "Oh there's a hay ball."

Dr. Bodendistel, when consulted, said he was familiar with them, but never saw one of such large size.

## Fine Large Home at Gormley Sold

The imposing residence at Gormley known as the Clara Wideman property, once a Bible school and latterly a rest home, has just changed hands, the estate having disposed of the structure to Mr. Clarence Doner on whose farm the house stands. The large residence was advertised to sell at \$4,000, and while the sale price was not disclosed it is understood that a lower figure purchased the place.

Built about 27 years ago by Mr. Alfred Brillinger the place did not take on anything like its present proportions. After it was acquired by Mrs. Wideman enlargements were made to take care of the requirements of the Bible School conducted there, but later when the school moved to Fort Erie, the property was used as a rest home.

Today the building is on three floors with bath room facilities on all levels. We understand Mr. Doner will reduce it to a bungalow in due time to make a home for himself when the time comes to retire.

## Charges Unfair Reports in Tribune

The Editor, The Stouffville Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario.

Dear Sir: After consulting my solicitor, I have decided to write you in connection with certain articles which were improperly and incorrectly published in your newspaper in connection with the civil case of Mowder vs. Roy, in which I was the defendant, and to request you to publish this letter in your newspaper to clear up these incorrect statements made by you.

Your articles throughout were of insidious partiality and the whole colouring that you have given the articles is most improper and harmful and I have suffered great damage to my reputation and standing in the community thereby. These civil proceedings have been misleadingly referred to more in the nature of criminal proceedings, mentioning as you have, I was "charged" — found unanimously "guilty" by the Jury.

After the conclusion of the trial, you stated that the charges of alienation of affections had been sustained, whereas the fact is and you should have stated, that the Jury, unanimously failed or refused to make such a finding. While the matter was pending in the Court of Appeal, you again, on February 24th, 1944, falsely stated that I had been found guilty of alienation of affections, notwithstanding that no such finding was ever made by the Jury.

On an appeal being taken in this action, the Court of Appeal held that the Jury had not made a finding of alienation of affections and that there was a mistrial of the whole action. Notwithstanding such decision, you again falsely stated in your publication that the Jury unanimously awarded damages against me for alienation of affections.

Notwithstanding your wide-spread publicity to me regarding the alienation of affections action, you carefully refrained and omitted from publishing anything regarding the fact that the other party to the action, Mr. Mowder, was one of the defendants in a divorce action brought by Mr. Somerville on the grounds of Mr. Mowder's adultery with Mr. Somerville's wife. True, the allegations of adultery against him were not proven, nor evidence presented to connect him with the paternity of the child, with the result that the divorce action against him was dismissed in Court, but, similarly, the Jury failed or refused to bring in a verdict against me in the alienation of affections action.

In your publication of March 23, 1944, you state "Mr. and Mrs. Mowder lived together on a rented farm east of Claremont until they parted company some time before a series of Court actions were participated in by both parties." This publication implies that I caused Mr. and Mrs. Mowder to part company, after which a series of Court actions were participated in by both of them. Some of these actions were com-

menced before that time. The question is open whether or not these series of actions caused the parting or whether the parting caused the series of actions. This is all involved in the Alienation of Affections action and your publication makes an improper implication of alienation of affections even after the decision of the Court of Appeal to the contrary had been delivered.

I will consider the publication of this letter a measure of retraction of these improper statements and the harm done to me in this regard. Yours very truly,

R. G. ROY.

April 11, 1944. The foregoing letter from Mr. R. G. Roy is published so that our readers may know the facts. The Tribune gave considerable space to the case in question, not because we held any ill will toward Mr. Roy, but rather because the issue was of more than ordinary interest to the people of the district, since it involved local parties.

Since Mr. Roy feels that our reports were unfair and unjust we trust that his explanation will be carefully read and accepted by our readers, and we regret that he has found cause to complain in any way from anything reported in this newspaper.

## Mrs. J.L. Burkholder Laid to Rest

Grief came to a Markham Twp. home last Friday, April 14, when a beloved mother Mrs. Louis J. Burkholder, passed away from a heart attack, after only three weeks' illness, in her 60th year, at the late home Lot 10, Con. 9, Markham.

The funeral on Monday proceeded to the Wideman Church and Cemetery. The service at the church was conducted by Mr. A. D. Grove, assisted by Mr. S. F. Coffman from Vineland. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. P. Gould, George Hoover, Allen McDowell, E.S. Reesor, Albert Wideman and Herbert Stover. The church was filled to capacity by old friends who gathered to pay their respects to a very dear friend.

Mrs. Burkholder's maiden name was Emma Meyer, she being a daughter of William Henry and Annie Hoover Meyer. She was born at Peaches Corners on the 7th concession of Markham, and attended Dickson Hill school as a girl. Later she became a graduate of Toronto Bible College.

In 1925 she was married to Louis Burkholder and to this union was born a son, Paul Herbert. Mr. Burkholder was prominent in the work of the Wideman church as a preacher and leader, but in recent years was stricken with failing eyesight, so that his dependence became more and more on his faithful wife, and her demise will be a source of great trial to him. Besides the husband and son there survives a step-daughter Mrs. E. A. Reesor also a brother Reuben H. Meyer, and six sisters, Matilda, (Mrs. A. L. Reesor.) Eva (Mrs. O. Williamson), Ruth, (Mrs. E. A. Byer,) Mae (Mrs. D. N. Reesor,) Sarah (Mrs. J. G. Gable,) Mary (Mrs. W. E. Strong.)

## Family of Three Killed in Railway Crossing Crash

Victims had Relatives at Stouffville and were Attending Auction Sale at Cherrywood

A level crossing accident during a snow storm on Saturday afternoon at Cherrywood, 12 miles south of Stouffville, took the lives of three people. The victims were Edward Watkins of Cooksville, his wife, Ethel, and their young son Barry. Mrs. Watkins was a sister of Mrs. Leonard Ham, formerly on the 10th concession just north of Stouffville and now living east of Altona, other sisters of the unfortunate woman were Mrs. Geo. Brown, of Glasgow, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Underwood of Markham, and Mrs. Underwood of Armadale, also a brother John Jarvis. Apparently blinded by the heavy snow, Watkins drove his car into the path of a C.P.R. freight train from Toronto.

The unfortunate people were attending the public auction sale advertised in The Tribune last week of household goods belonging to A. Ham, at Cherrywood, and had just started for home, and had left Cherrywood station and were turning around the tracks when the car was struck by the passing freight. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins and their young son were in the front seat, the parents were killed instantly and the lad rushed to the Oshawa Hospital where he died later Saturday evening.

Passengers in the rear seat escaped death. They were Mrs. Hugh Ormond and her daughter, Margaret of Oakville. Both were taken to the St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, suffering bruises and shock. Mrs. Ormond's condition was reported as serious on Tuesday.

The victims who were dragged 122 feet along the right of way,

### GROUND CREW MEMBER



LAC Jim Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Stouffville is undergoing ground crew training with the R. C. A. F. at Gimli, Man. Jim received his schooling in Stouffville, and enlisted about a year ago, prior to which he was employed by the B. & S. Telephone Co. He received instruction at Lachine, and Dafoe, Sask., before taking up his present post. — Photo by Sanders

were treated by Dr. Cartwright of Pickering, and Dr. Pearson of Dunbarton.

The funeral from Clendenning's Funeral Home, Markham, for husband, wife, and son, to Box Grove cemetery was held on Wednesday afternoon.

## Country Quiet, Impresses Royal Navy Personnel

Three members of the Royal Navy were guests of Mrs. Milton Harris and Jim over Sunday. These men in Toronto on a special mission, can best tell their own story of their appreciation on being able to visit the quiet countryside for a few hours, and so in a note to The Tribune, Petty Officer F. LeMage, Petty Officer S. Meadows, and Petty Officer A. Mayor, voice their impressions thus:

"Just like a scene from the films as we see them in the Old Country. That is what we thought as the bus that carried us from Toronto came to rest on Main street, Stouffville.

I could not help comparing this quiet, but somehow dignified little Ontario town with London, England. I felt that this is where I would like to bring my mother and all the mothers of London, because here was perfect peace.

I shall remember for a long time to come, the real Canadian welcome afforded us by our hostess for the weekend, Mrs. Milton Harris. The farm was just how we expected a Canadian farm to be, and don't let anyone tell you that British sailors don't like fritters and maple syrup.

Sunday morning we attended church service, and I think that somehow we all felt that though we were thousands of miles from home, we were among our own folk. Maybe seeing us there made many of the good citizens of Stouffville, especially those whose boys are overseas, feel that they were just a little closer to their loved ones. We sincerely hope so, anyway, for that was the feeling we had.

And so we say "thank you Stouffville. You are a great little town. We liked you."

### TRACTOR CULTIVATOR SOARS AT \$278

At Clark Denby's sale on Friday two and a half miles from Milliken, a tractor cultivator sold for \$278. Auctioneer Clarke Prantice reported yesterday. The buyer was a Brougham farmer. Denby's 300 acre farm was heavily stocked. Two tractors, one selling for \$1000 and one for \$760, and a tractor plow for \$200 were among the big prices obtained. A combine brought \$750. A buyer from north Whitchurch bought all the feeder cattle at stiff prices.

### SERENADERS GATHER \$28.00 CASH

Generosity of four recent grooms netted a gang of serenaders from west of Stouffville the splendid total of \$28 one evening last week, as they descended on the homes or stopping places of one after another of the newly weds.

Those whom the band honored in charge of Fred Timbers and Arthur Paisley were Jos. Greenfield, Keith Hutchinson, Walter Brown, and Don Cadieux. It was reported that the various grooms after being called on, joined the merry-makers to add to the crowd for the next visit.

Now the problem is, what to do with the money, and to solve this matter, another round-up of the chivaree band may be necessary.

Mrs. J. O. Totten is in town this week visiting her mother, Mrs. S. M. Warriner.

## Recognize Him ?



This picture was sent to the father of Gunner A. Macfadyen of Toronto, showing a group of men attached to the 77th Field Battery, 3rd Field Regt. at their station somewhere in Italy. Friends will recognize to the left of the picture, a Stouffville boy in the person of Murray Nendick.