

Stores Will be Open Each Tuesday Night Commencing June 6th - Close Early

Because of Widespread Disappointment Voiced by Farming Community, merchants Reconsider Recent Stand Taken Against Tuesday Night Opening.

At a representative meeting of the Stouffville merchants last week those present unanimously agreed to open their stores on Tuesday evenings, beginning with the first week in June, and to also close their places of business at 9.30 o'clock.

In view of the apparent growing desire on the part of the farming community for the stores in town to open one evening during the week in addition to Saturday night, we understand the merchants felt it desirable to reconsider their stand taken a few weeks ago, to remain closed each evening, except Saturday.

There was considerable discussion on Friday evening prior to a vote being taken, and although numerous merchants present voiced the view that from the standpoint of extra work, and amount of goods to be sold, they could well afford to remain closed, it was generally agreed that the dissatisfaction being heard everywhere among the farmer patrons, should not go unheeded, and that if, as it seemed, the accommodation was so needed, they were willing to remain open.

The merchants expressed a strong desire to observe earlier closing hours on Saturday night, when many are prone to "hang around till the last dog's hung," before doing their shopping. One merchant voiced the opinion that he strongly favoured a town-by-law to compel all places to close on a stated time, but no action was taken in this direction.

ELDERLY LADY LOW

Stricken with a heart attack two weeks ago, Mrs. Darius Fields is critically ill and her condition was described on Tuesday evening as very low. This 25 year resident of Stouffville reached her 81st birthday last October, consequently her reserve strength is not very good.

Lays Down Life of Service at Age of Ninety-three

Surviving her 93rd birthday by only a few days, Mrs. Benjamin Shirk died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Burkholder on No. 7 highway, a mile east of Markham on Friday, and was laid away at the Wideman cemetery on Sunday afternoon, following a family service at the late home, public service was held in the Wideman church. Pastor Aaron Grove conducted the service and Rev. O. Burkholder of Breslau, old friend of the family, preached the funeral sermon. Mr. Grove read the 91st Psalm which relates the happiness of those who live Godly lives, and from the last three verses of the chapter, Mr. Burkholder based his remarks. The pall bearers were all relatives, and several of them came from Breslau and Preston.

Predeceased by her husband some years Mrs. Shirk despite her great age possessed all her faculties to the end. She was blessed of a keen mind, and was so capable that even a week before her passing she had charge of the children in the home when the others were absent. Born in Waterloo county, she married Benj. B. Shirk on December 17, 1871, seventy-three years ago, and the couple resided in that district for many years prior to coming to Markham.

Commenting on the exemplary life of the aged lady, Mr. Burkholder recalled that he became their pastor in 1913, and was also a neighbor, and from personal acquaintance he was able to testify to her long service of faithfulness. She was a primary teacher in the Sunday School for many years, and using another God given talent she cared for a number of elderly people in her own home who stood so in need of a friend and comfort at a time when their own either couldn't or wouldn't accept the obligation. "Her's was a true, deep, lasting faith," said Mr. Burkholder. He remained their pastor until they moved to Markham.

Mr. Grove said that one of the very recent utterances of this saintly woman were the words, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," and the congregation assembled joined in singing the verses from the church hymnary.

GRADUATED



Lois Kester, B.A., who graduated with honours in Honour Mathematics and Physics from McMaster University. The above picture was taken when Lois graduated from Stouffville High School four years ago, winning a scholarship and distinguished herself among the students of Ontario.

STOUFFVILLE INSTITUTE NAMES NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute of Stouffville was held at the home of Mrs. G. T. Lee last Thursday afternoon when the officers for the year were elected, and a strong program committee

200 Baby Chicks Saved by Local Fire Brigade

A call to the Stouffville Fire Brigade on Saturday evening resulted in the saving of a brooder house and 200 baby chicks, although a number of Leghorn pullets in a larger house were destroyed, also a vacant barn nearby, the property of Mr. Harry Forrester at Cashel, 6th concession of Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrester were away at the time, and Mr. Forrester's mother, alone in the house, was the first to discover the blaze, which was believed to have originated from the brooder stove.

There were 150 fine layers in the larger hen-house, and, although it was at first believed they would be a total loss, approximately half the flock turned up again the next day, having flown to the four corners of the farm.

The Stouffville brigade arrived on the scene and extinguished the brooder house blaze with chemical, while Richmond Hill outfit which arrived later, pumped water from a nearby creek.

named Mrs. H. J. Malloy took over the presidency and the following other officers are:

1st vice-pres.—Mrs. Ella Ratcliff, 2nd vice-pres.—Miss M. Mertens, Sec'y-treas.—Miss Sadie Stewart. Directors—Mrs. Lloyd Turner, Mrs. A. Farthing, Mrs. Geo. Sanders, Mrs. B. Lickorish, Mrs. D. Smales, Miss T. Taun. Flower Committee—Mrs. L. Turner, Mrs. H. Walsh. Program Com.—Mrs. T. Baxter, Mrs. J. Ridout, Mrs. G. T. Lee, Mrs. W. Griffiths, Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. G. Pugh. Auditors—Mrs. L. Turner, Mrs. D. Smales. Standing Committee to be elected at June meeting. Delegates to district meeting—Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Malloy, Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Kellington, Miss Mertens, Miss Stewart.

Toronto Firm Acquiring Great Gravel Deposit Here

It can now be accurately announced that important Toronto interests have completed the purchase of the huge gravel deposits on the Wm. Chapman property on the west side north of Stouffville on the 10th concession. This undertaking, of course has nothing to do with the action being taken by the municipal councils of Uxbridge and Whitchurch to make use of the great gravel deposits in the hill that forms the roadway.

The sale of the Chapman deposits is a very large undertaking, and when the company gets into action their presence will be felt on the local labor market, since a great deal of employment will be needed, and Stouffville will be headquarters for this. Work will be started early this summer a spokesman for the company stated in town on Monday. The gravel will be largely shipped out by rail, and consideration may be given to locating a siding on the railway north of Stouffville at a point where the line running to Goodwood is nearest the property on the 10th concession.

TOO WEAK FOR SURGICAL OPERATION

Audrey, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alsop is a patient in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, suffering from mastoids and kidney trouble, and it is expected she will undergo an operation just as soon as her condition will warrant it.

"STAGE DOOR CANTEN"

For four evenings this week beginning tonight (Wednesday), "the top-notch film of 1943, "Stage Door Canteen," will play at The Stanley Theatre here. The greatest array of stars ever assembled in one picture, in addition to five of the nations leading dance bands will entertain you. Patrons are urged to avail themselves of the early showings, to avoid being disappointed on Saturday night.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis White announce the engagement of their daughter Velma Margaret to Arthur Joseph Oumet, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Oumet of Sudbury. The marriage will take place June 3rd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delos Graham wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Denelda Jean to Mr. Gerald Noel Story, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Story of Bloomington. The marriage will take place in the Bloomington Church, Saturday, June the third at 2.30 o'clock.

Lions Elect New Executive, President Williams Returned

Lion A.H. Williams, Shadow Lake was elected president of the Stouffville Lions Club for a second term,



Lion President A. H. Williams

at the annual election of officers held on Monday evening. Lion Williams claims the City of Toronto as his birthplace, and after farming in Middlesex and Lambton counties, came to Shadow Lake, Eaton farm where he has been the genial manager for the past fourteen years. Incidentally he holds an Associate Diploma from O.A.C.

The new slate of officers for 1944-45 will be as follows: Past Pres., Lion M. E. Watts; Lion Pres., A. H. Williams; 1st vice pres., Lion L. E. O'Neill; 2nd vice pres., Lion Frank Riches; 3rd vice pres., Lion Hugh Bannerman; sec'y, Lion Robt. Snowball; treas., Lion Fred Campbell; directors, Lions Robt. Bone, Clayt Baker, Milt Smith, Blake Sanders; pianist, Lion Douglas Davis; Tail twister, Lion Jack Smits; Lion Tamer, Lion Don Chadwick; attendance com., Lions A. V. Nolan, Hugh Bannerman; program com., Lions L. C. Murphy, Walter Holden, Douglas Davis; publicity, Lions Chas. Nolan, Frank Riches; finance com., Lions E. A. Button, L. E. O'Neill, Walter Brillinger; health and welfare com., Lions S. S. Ball, A. V. Nolan, O. Lehman; membership, Lions M. E. Watts, Edw. Logan; boys' work, Lions Don Chadwick, Elmer Daniels, Milt Smith, S. T. Bodendistel; auditors, Lions F. L. Button, L. C. Murphy.

80th BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Mrs. Abram Steckley, patient in the Brierbush here for quite a long time was delighted to receive so many old friends, and all the nurses at the hospital on the occasion of her 80th birthday, last Sunday. Their kindly interest was an act greatly appreciated, and Mrs. Steckley wishes the paper to make this known to them.

Bank Interest Okay But Caught Stealing Parked Bicycle

A stranger was seen to be taking such an interest in the local Bank of Commerce Monday night and in the creamery property that Constable Rusnell was notified about 10.30. The bank building was all lighted up as the staff was doing overtime work. They didn't like the idea of the stranger peering through the open windows. However, when accosted by the cop he denied any interest in the bank's funds, so it is presumed it was the staff that his eye was centred on. Of course it is generally known that bank staffs are now very much feminine, the one in Stouffville having no less than five young girls employed on it. Since there is no law against looking, the intruder would have gotten away all right, but when he stole a bicycle from in front of the theatre, it proved his undoing, and he was picked up by Constable Rusnell as he wheeled along near Ringwood. Giving the name of Bernice Gaudet he was lodged in a Toronto jail, and there awaits trial next Monday on a theft charge. The bicycle was the property of Howard Ratcliff, and had been loaned to a helper on the farm to come into town on.

Gaudet, it has since been learned served a term at Burwash and was just recently free. Constable Ben Gayman assisted the local limb of the law in taking his charge to the city, since it was the dead of night, and rather dangerous to be driving these unknown fellows single handed.

Fatal Accident Overcomes a Well-Known Farmer

The lifeless body of Dawson Burnett, Bloomington farmer, was found on the stable floor with a bullet wound in the head, and the gun under his body, by his terrified wife on Saturday afternoon. Dawson had borrowed the gun to destroy a crippled pig, and it is presumed it must have gone off unexpectedly, or that he stumbled in some way and caused it to explode.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett had been working together planting in a field, when about 3.30 he left to go to the barn to do certain chores and to bring out the team to remove some brush. Mrs. Burnett finished planting and went to the house. Not seeing her husband with the team, later she went to the barn, and made the horrible discovery.

Dr. S. S. Ball, coroner, was summoned, and removed the body to O'Neill's mortuary in Stouffville. Dr. N. Tomlinson of Claremont, conducted a post-mortem and released the body.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burnett, Dawson was only 45 years of age, and after his marriage to Vera Barnes, the couple took up housekeeping on the place where they resided at Bloomington and which they owned. Dawson was a member of the Bloomington Christian Church and was clerk of that body. He was very highly regarded in the community where he was born and lived all his life.

Besides his grief-stricken wife, he is survived by two brothers, Elmer and Marvin Burnett, and by a foster son, Frank.

The funeral service on Tuesday afternoon was very largely attended. Public service was held in the Bloomington Christian Church conducted by Rev. Gibson Brown, pastor of the unfortunate man, and who paid a fine tribute to the faithful service rendered by the departed one. Only last Friday night he had a meeting in the very edifice where the last rites were being performed for him. Mr. Brown said he could always count on the help of Dawson Burnett, readily given at all times. The pall bearers were Messrs. B. W. Morten, Percy Brown, Clifford Lemon, Richard Foote, Earl Davis and Vincent Wagg.

Housecleaning, Dies Without Warning

Death came to Mrs. James Varden, at her home 848 Carlaw Ave., Toronto, and former resident of this place with tragic suddenness a few days ago. With her husband the couple had been doing their housecleaning, and together were moving the drawers of a bureau. Just completing the little task with possibly a slight over-exertion, Mrs. Varden sat down, when she immediately expired. She was in her 66th year, and had left the home district probably 25 years ago.

Deceased was a daughter of Jacob Brownsberger who lives now in Deloraine, Man., and who is over 90 years of age. He will be remembered as a harness maker here with his shop where Shiner Davis' store now stands opposite the fire hall. Her mother was a member of the Lott family, and sister of the well known Hi Lott.

Mrs. Varden first married Isaac Hendrehan and to this union one son, Eldon, was born. He is unmarried and lives in Toronto. Mr. Hendrehan will be remembered as having worked for various farmers in this district. He was buried at the Christian Church cemetery, Bloomington.

The surviving husband, James Varden, has relatives in the Locust Hill district. He has been quite ill for some time, and the shock will prove a great trial to him.

BIRTHS

FEASBY—In Uxbridge Township, on Friday, May 19, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Feasby, a son.

MORTSON—At Goodwood, on Sunday, May 21, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mortson, a daughter.

SLACK—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slack (nee Irene Crosier) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, (Betty Ann) at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on May 20, 1944.

Love Feast Coming Event at Heise Hill Church

Feasting and Feet Washing Commemorates Bible Story Recorded in John 13.

The semi-annual Love Feast at the Heise Hill Church of the Brethren in Christ being held on Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, is increasing in interest as the time approaches. An outstanding speaker from the U.S.A. who is unable to be present will be replaced by another who promises to bring great messages.

Services on Saturday will start at 10.00 in the morning and again at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday prayer service opens at 10 o'clock, and preaching services will start at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

If the customary order is followed the Love Feast occasion will be opened by Bishop Alvin Winger who takes charge and reads John 13, which is followed by comment. The feet washing ceremony is observed at the 7 o'clock service Saturday evening. The service is held in the auditorium of the church. The men and women, of course, are always seated on opposite sides of building, and for the feet washing, each participant washes the feet of the one next him, and the women do likewise with the woman next to her. The ceremony is not entirely a closed ordinance, a church official stated to The Tribune. It is possible that a brother from another denomination may be invited or at his own request, may participate in this ordinance. Indeed, a refractory member of their own church on the other hand may be denied the privilege of participating, thus not membership in the Brethren in Christ alone but membership with God is the true right to observance which the officials aim at.

To this service as to all others of the Love Feast visitors are entirely welcome, and a good many in the past have availed themselves of attending the feet washing service and all other services. Meals are served in the basement, and this is an occasion for the brethren and sisters to mingle together and visit with their friends from other parts of the conference whom they have not perhaps seen in a year.

OVERSEAS



Lt. Reta L. Nicely, who is attached to No. 4 Canadian Hospital Unit in England, is a daughter of Mrs. John Nicely, 6th concession, Whitchurch. A professional nurse before enlisting Lt. Nicely is attached to the Royal Canadian Army Medical and is now overseas.

ANOTHER HOUSE SOLD

The former Mott property at the corner of Montreal and Stouffer streets, east end, was sold this week when Leo Wagg, who purchased it from the Mott estate, sold the place to Mrs. May Kennedy, a new resident of Stouffville within the last year or two from Uxbridge. The property is tenanted by Chas. Alsop who will be seeking new quarters. The property just sold has considerably improved since Mr. Wagg possessed it, he having installed the bath and other improvements. Mrs. Kennedy and her family are now occupying a house on Stouffer street belonging to Jonathan Morgason.

Mrs. Henrietta Crockett, executive secretary of the T.B. Association of the State of Montana, and Miss Serene Holly of Buffalo, N.Y., were visiting Mrs. S. Shankel for a few days. Mrs. Crockett is a niece of Mrs. Shankel.