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Tenders are Called for Removal of Gravel Hill

Tenders will be called at once for the crushing and removal of the big gravel mound at Gravel Hill, two miles north of Stouffville, it was decided at a joint meeting of the municipal councils of Whitchurch and Uxbridge in session at Stouffville last Thursday evening. The councils conferred with the Ontario County engineer D. J. Keen.

It was estimated that Uxbridge will take about 6,000 yards and Whitchurch 8,000 this summer. In the case of Uxbridge the gravel will be largely distributed on the west side of the municipality, while Whitchurch will spread their quota over a greater area.

Tenders will be called for removing the gravel and hauling by advertising in the Daily Commercial News, a publication going into the hands of all important contractors. Tenders will close June 15 when it is expected the award will be made, and shortly thereafter work may be expected to get underway.

Farmers of the locality are willing to be inconvenienced in the matter of a right of way during the summer in order to get the hill cut, and little or no grumbling is being anticipated from the disturbance that will be caused when the hill is being demolished.

Silver Threads No Sign of Old Age

The Township of Whitchurch probably boasts of the youngest municipal clerk in not only the County of York but one of the most youthful men holding this important office in all Ontario. On Tuesday of this week John C. Crawford only reached his 34th birthday, yet as the song writer so aptly called them, "silver threads" are a part of his make-up, and if they come from working long hours and carrying the load of two men, then that's the answer. Mr. Crawford was only 27 when he assumed the position of clerk and treasurer, succeeding his father the late Wm. Crawford. He was well fitted, however, for the position, being a high school graduate and having some knowledge of the work through the assistance he gave his father. Many clerks and treasurers doing a similar work in municipalities the size of Whitchurch have an assistant, but so far Mr. Crawford has carried on alone. He goes on the assumption that he can do the work quicker alone, than having to instruct others in the task. At that he finds time to operate an important farm over on the second concession and to spend just a little time there with his efficient wife and his three lovely children, Elsie 6, Ann 7, and Audrey 2.

J. Stouffer Buried from Lemonville

Resident of Lemonville for about two years Jason Stouffer died there on Friday in his 60th year. He was the eldest son of the late Eli Stouffer who died in Stouffville three years ago this May. His mother before her marriage was Adelia Hall, but she passed away 25 years ago.

Besides two sisters in Toronto, Mrs. Devlin and Mrs. Campbell, the other surviving member of the family is Samuel Stouffer in Toronto, another brother Milne having met a tragic death in the wilds of northern Quebec when on a hunting expedition with his father. He went out from camp over the ice to the mainland and never was heard of again, and it is believed he went through the ice. The body was never recovered, all this of course happened over 30 years ago.

The late Jason Stouffer worked in Toronto for a good many years going to Lemonville, his wife's old home, when his health failed. Mrs. Stouffer was the former Annie Law, and she survives him together with two daughters (Florence), Mrs. Charles Roland, and Madalene, also by one son Eldon Stouffer. Miss Tillie Stouffer, patient at the Brierbush, was an aunt of the deceased. The funeral on Monday afternoon from the late home proceeded to Stouffville cemetery for interment.

PICKERING COUNCILLOR HAS HIGH PRICED CALF

George Todd of Cherrywood, Pickering Township councillor sold a heifer calf at the Registered Jersey sale at Oakville last week for \$325, the second highest calf in the sale, top price being \$400 for a slightly older animal. The animals up for auction were picked from the various Jersey farms by the

FOX DESTROYS HUNDRED CHICKENS AT PEACHS

Mr. Thos. Hastings, farmer on the 7th concession of Markham, has it in for the foxes. One bold animal has killed a hundred chickens on the Hastings farm. He was seen at the chickens three times, and on one occasion Reddie made a bold attack and was driven off when the farmer let out a warning yell.

A gun will be kept handy in future, and perhaps Reddie and not the chickens will suffer.

Tuesday Night Opening Begins Next Week

Whether the merchants are pleased with the prospect of spending an extra night behind the counter or not, the decision to open the stores in Stouffville every Tuesday evening, beginning next week, certainly brought forth many expressions of approval from the farming sections.

In fact many now say that they had determined to shop "elsewhere" because of the refusal of the merchants to co-operate as in other years, but now the matter has been settled by deciding to open, the threats are withdrawn.

For the most part the merchants are hard run for goods and some have not sufficient help, but it would be wiser for those who cannot stand the pace to remain closed until later in the day during summer and harvest season, so as to give the evening service on Tuesday and Saturday when to be opened would be so much appreciated.

Yes, after listening to the comments, one is bound to come to the decision that the merchants were acting sensibly by deciding to open every Tuesday and Saturday for the summer. The crowd that will come to town next Tuesday night will be carefully appraised as to its size. As in other years the Tuesday night business will grow as the season advances.

Mystery Surrounds Cattle Destruction

Believed to be the work of young fellows bent on having fun with a 22 rifle, two cattle on the ranch of Sam Bacon, located between the second and third concessions of Uxbridge township, south of the Stouffville road, were found dead a few days ago.

Will Hackney living near the ranch saw a cow lying on top of a knoll and investigated to find her dead. She was sold for fox meat and when being skinned the wound of a bullet could be traced right to the heart, indicating that the cow had been shot.

At the same time, although not discovered until the next day a good steer was lying dead on the ranch. It had been dead some considerable time, and too far decayed to locate the cause of death without a great deal of trouble. However, it is firmly believed that the steer met the same kind of death as the cow.

Mr. Bacon, of course, lives on the second concession, north of Garabaldi, and does not see his ranch every day, which explains how the animals were dead some time before being discovered by a neighbor.

It is reported that boys are frequently out hunting in this part of the township, also strangers make it a hunting section as Uxbridge is not in the Ontario Game Preserve area. The supposition is that young fellows shot at these cattle at considerable distance just to see them jump and smart from the bullet which they believed would not enter the hide because of distance. They were quite ignorant of the power of their guns. A closer check up is necessary if farm stock is to be protected from fool-headed individuals roaming the countryside with fire arms.

secretary of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, and were a prize lot. Mr. Todd's entry was a granddaughter of one of the foundation females of his herd, and she was sired by a Quebec cow.

The highest price paid for any cow in the ring was \$1600, with the second at \$1100. Five heifers sold for \$1500, the proceeds going to the Navy League.

Mr. Todd is Honorary President of the Ontario County Jersey Breeders Club.

Local Girl Heads Graduating Class

Of twenty-eight graduates of the School of Nursing of the Women's College Hospital who received their diplomas at Convocation Hall on Friday at the graduation exercises, six of them captured the scholarships and prizes, and of the six



Betty Sanderson O'Brien, Stouffville, was one of the distinguished. This local girl then won a further distinction by carrying off two prizes, the only graduate of the six to receive this honor. And so to Margaret Elizabeth Sanderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sanderson was awarded the prize for obstetrical nursing donated by Mrs. Harold F. Ritchie and the prize for nursery technique donated by the club.

The graduation ceremony was followed by a reception at the Great Hall, Hart House, and was attended from here by Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, also Mrs. K. D. Woodburn. A graduate of Stouffville High School, our school and the community in general is very proud of the enviable success of this young girl who has brought certain honor to her town, as well as to herself.

AGES OF SIX PATIENTS REACH 500 YEARS

Discussing hospital matters with Mr. E.R. Good a few days ago your reporter stumbled on an interesting bit of information about our sick folk at the hospital. The six oldest persons have a combined age of 500 years. Mrs. Isabelle McCreight of Markham village being the oldest patient with 92 years behind her. Next in line is Mrs. Rachel Soden also of Markham village who is 88 years, then we mention Mr. Obijah Jones of Altona 87, Mrs. Abram Steckley 80, Mrs. Anna Honsberger 80, and Mrs. Sylvanus Baker 79. This combination of years actually runs 506, a highly impressive figure.

BIRTHS

Hugh and Marjorie Michell, Claremont, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Eleanor, at the Oshawa Hospital, on May 31, 1944.

HALLMAN—At Markham, on May 9th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hallman, a daughter, Janet May.

GRAHAM—On Sunday, May 28th, 1944, at Oshawa General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Graham (nee Ethel Bray), Pickering, the gift of a daughter, Mary Annabelle.

Enormous Growth, Good Crops are In the Making

Farmers calling at the office of The Tribune invariably speak of the enormous growth this spring. All grain crops are leaping ahead at a tremendous rate. Plenty of moisture and warm weather, of course are the cause. Grain sown ten days came through so fast that it completely covered the ground in that short time. Contrary to reports from other districts where frost did some damage, the local berry crop is highly promising and may easily be a record pick if no setback is encountered.

Early gardeners point to potatoes well above ground and those who have a small bed of asparagus have been cutting all they can eat for a week or two back.

But regardless of what we have said or could say about the phenomenal growth at this time, nothing could be so convincing as to take a contract for cutting a lawn. The writer is under contract on his own greens and the crop we cut twice a week in the last half of May was amazing. The hay crop is reasonably assured as a record heavy yield. It should make all the farmers happy, and when the yeoman is feeling contented, we are happy too.

Rode to Jail On a Bicycle

Benny Gaudet of Toronto, who was picked up between Stouffville and Ringwood last week by Constables Ira Rusnell and B. Gayman charged with the theft of a bicycle belonging to Gordon Ratcliff, pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Magistrate Keith on Monday to six months in jail.

Gaudet's record showed that this was the sixth time he had been apprehended for stealing bicycles over a period of twelve years, but it never occurred to him to buy one instead of making off with the property of others.

Gaudet was seen hanging around town one evening last week, and members of the bank staff phoned the police who picked him up later with the Ratcliff bike which he promptly admitted stealing.

New High School Teacher Engaged

The High School Board has engaged Miss Mary Borisuk of Burlington, to teach on the local staff next term, filling one of the vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss Irene Foster and Mrs. Reg. Button. We understand quite a number of applications are in the hands of the Board from which to choose a second teacher.

Miss Borisuk has been on the High School staff at Rodney and comes highly recommended to Stouffville.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Dr. E. S. Barker was in attendance at the annual meeting of the Ontario Dental Association held in Toronto this week.

R.C.A.F. Officers Inspect Cadets Monday Night

Monday evening, June 5th, will be the annual spring Air Cadet Inspection, at 7:30 sharp in Memorial Park. Among the many high ranking R.C.A.F. officials visiting Stouff-



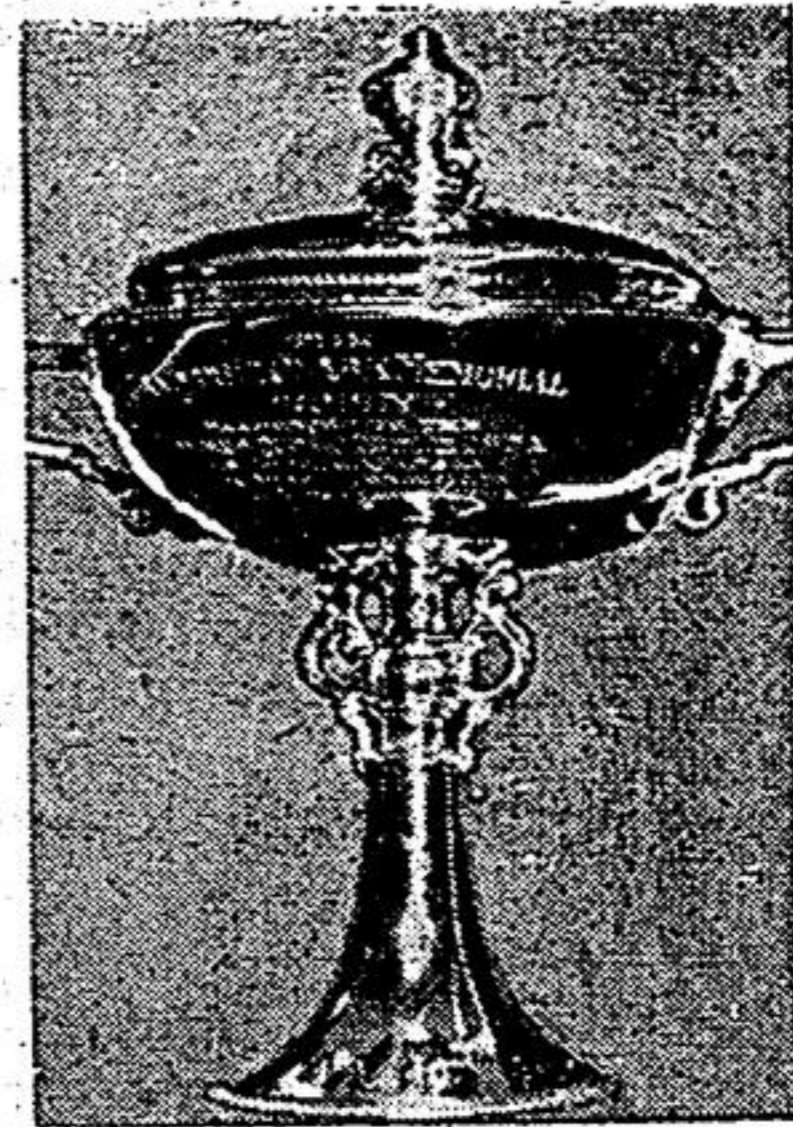
Squadron Leader Currie will on this occasion of the third inspection of No. 94 Squadron, will be Squadron Leader D. H. Currie, Senior Command Cadet Officer of No. 1 Training Command, who will take the salute. It is expected that Douglas Boyd, executive provincial secretary of the Air Cadet League



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of Canada will also be present. According to D.H. Currie, a wave of enthusiasm has carried enrolments throughout the province to the present high of 80,000 cadets. "Within the six-week period of Apr. 25 to June 3, the annual inspection of these air cadets was carried out in over 90 cities and towns," he states. "Stouffville No. 94 is considered a model squadron by R.C.A.F. headquarters, being one of the original groups formed in Canada."

Jos. Clark Newspaper Trophy Comes to Stouffville Again



Above picture shows the J. T. Clark Memorial Cup awarded at Niagara Falls last week to The Tribune for best all-round weekly newspaper in Ontario and Quebec published in towns up to 1500 population. When the cup was first donated five years ago The Tribune also captured it then, and the renowned Greg. Clark (above) of the Daily Star made the presentation of the cup at a convention in Ottawa.

The name of Stouffville was publicized through the daily press last Friday and Saturday and over the radio both Friday and Saturday announcing this newspaper (The Tribune) as winner of the Joseph Clark Memorial Cup donated by Mr. J. Atkinson of the Daily Star for the best weekly in Ontario and Quebec published in towns up to 1500 population.

The award was announced at the annual convention in Niagara Falls Friday afternoon, and the handsome silver cup, a true replica of the famous Stanley Cup, will shortly grace the sanctum of The Tribune.

When this competition was first conceived among weekly newspap-

ers The Tribune captured the cup, which was five years ago, since which time we have been placed second and third in the competition.

It is a source of great satisfaction to the publishers to merit such an accomplishment, which satisfaction is the deeper, when we see the good advertising the home town comes in for because of its newspaper. For the local merchant the fact that he has a newspaper with one of the best circulations in the province at his disposal, there is also more satisfaction. Your home town weekly doesn't take the credit for Stouffville being a good town, but who ever heard of a good newspaper being published in a poor town.

The publishers certainly appreciate the splendid efforts of our rural correspondents, 22 in number, for the faithful service in gathering the news from outlying sections, all of which had much to do with our high standing.

New Cops Getting Their Initiation

The newly sworn in Township constables for Whitchurch, Elmer Wells and Jos. Foote were travelling together at Musselman's Lake so the story was told on Saturday evening, on one of their first outings under the peak of a constable's hat and girded with the customary belt and holster akin to the police department.

At a certain place on the lake they spotted four young men whom they decided to investigate. This led to the discovery that the car contained four young fellows and a girl, also young. They had a case of beer, and were about to engage a cottage where it might be consumed by the group without molestation by the law. However, while waiting for such a cottage three of them, at least, started to embezzle, and at this point the cops came into the picture.

Making their first arrest proved a nervous business, but the legal lights locked the members of the beer party up in the cottage they sought to rent, then sent for Constable Fleury who ordered their release after a charge of drinking or having booze in a public place was laid.

88 ENTRIES IN JERSEY COMPETITION

The County Jersey show staged by the York County Jersey Club in conjunction with the Richmond Hill Fair on May 24th proved to be a grand success with 88 head of fine cattle in competition. The senior heifer class had 18 entries. Prof. J. C. Steckley of Ridgetown, York County's first agricultural representative, who judged the show was delighted with the quality and condition of the exhibits.

Fred Bagg & Son of Unionville, won the Senior and grand champion bull on Brampton Val Alm Favor, and the junior championship on Roseview Valiant Victor. He also won the reserve senior and reserve grand female championship on Roseview Simon's Little.

The Showmanship for boys and girls brought out 8 contestants, showing in the regular classes. Winners in the 12 to 15 were Alan Bagg, Edgeley; Betty Barber, Gormley, R.R. 2; Kathleen Barber, Gormley, R.R. 2; Bill Baird, Markham.

16 to 20 winners were Donald Bagg, Edgeley; Lyman Smith; Richmond Hill; Evelyn Barber; Gormley; Bruce Bagg, Unionville.

NOTICE TO STOUFFVILLE HYDRO USERS

Customers of the Stouffville Hydro System will please take notice that the customary two-months billing for domestic consumers and also for bills for commercial users due the first of June will not be rendered. Power accounts and commercial demand meters will be rendered as usual.

The next billing for Stouffville Hydro consumers will be August 1st, thus covering a four months period. With this billing a 20 per cent rebate of all the money paid in during 1943 will be made, since it will cover more than two months on the average bill, your financial outlay in August after four months without paying anything will not be even as great as the usual two months account.

This information is issued in order that customers may understand why they will not receive a hydro account June 1st.

George Storey, Treasurer