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Council Balks at Signing Safety Permit for Hall

Approval Might Involve Village in Heavy Liability in Case there Was a Mishap

The municipal council has been asked to sign a permit for the use of Ratcliff's Hall for the coming year, declaring the place to be safe and in accordance with the standards governing public halls as to fire hazard, etc. No one on the council wanted to take the responsibility, and as a council the members refused to involve the town.

Mr. Glenn Ratcliff, owner of the building, let it be known that it was quite satisfactory to him if the hall was not granted a license again, since it produces no compensation. The bit of rental obtained is not commensurate with the cost of cleaning, maintenance, etc.

An outlay of hundreds of dollars would probably be required to meet the standards or to remove the fire hazard.

The council decided to interview the Theatre Inspection Branch at Queens Park to learn what their responsibility in the matter is, before any further action is taken.

Councillor Walter Brillinger declared he would never be a party to approving of the hall being used. "If anything ever happens up there, it would be too bad for this council," he said.

Councillor Nolan said steps should be taken to obtain a permit for a new hall, so that plans could be drafted and things made ready to go ahead at the first opportunity. Said he, "one of these days we will find ourselves without a meeting place at all, which would prove a bad handicap for the town." Reeve Weldon suggested that special meetings might be called, if it was found necessary, after receiving a report on the matter from Queen's Park.

Capt. Currie, recruiting officer, called on The Tribune on Tuesday. A formal campaign for more men for the army is underway, he reports.

DRIVING AMBULANCE



LAC Lloyd Harvey is looking over Old England right now, Lloyd, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey, Gormley, enlisted a year ago and is an ambulance driver for the Canadian corps.

DIED IN ITALY

Pte. Chas. Saunders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Saunders of Claremont, died in Italy the last of May, according to an advice received from Ottawa, by his parents this Wednesday morning. Previous information indicated he would be invalided home, and this information is printed elsewhere in this issue. Pte. Saunders received a bullet wound in the neck and shoulder. His death comes as a great shock.

E. & H. Fairty, Milliken, paid \$750 for a senior yearling heifer and \$650 for a two-year-old at the National Holstein sale held May 31 at Brampton. Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Todmorden, secured a thirteen-month-old heifer for \$260.

NO ASSESSMENT APPEALS HEARD

There was not a single appeal filed against the half million assessment made recently by the town assessor for Stouffville, when the hour struck for appeals to close. On Thursday evening the Court of Revision met to receive the assessment, and make such changes in the roll as were necessary by reason of change of ownership, people moving from town, and removals by death since the roll was made two months ago. The names actually appearing on the roll as confirmed by the court will be the names to appear on the Village Voters' List to be published shortly. Reeve A.E. Weldon presided over the court Thursday evening, and members present were Councillors Walter Brillinger, R.E. Brown, Hugh Boyd, and A.V. Nolan.

Cadet Headquarters Offer Building

A permanent building which could be used for Cadet training in Stouffville has been offered by the Air Cadet League of Canada to the local Squadron No. 94. It is expected that at the close of the war many crown properties, for which the armed forces will have no further use, will be available, and a number of these have been offered by the Department of National Defence to the Air Cadet League, who in turn are making them available to their various units where there is a need for such buildings.

It is expected that a section of land in Memorial Park will be made available for a site, if the proposition is taken up. The need for such buildings in Stouffville has been felt for some time, for use as a recreation centre, and most lately as a drill hall, especially during the winter months, for the Air Cadets. The buildings to be made available are understood to be one hundred feet long by forty feet wide, with plumbing and heating facilities.

Valuable Markham Barn Destroyed in Electrical Storm

During the electrical storm which passed over Markham Township last Wednesday evening and which centred heavily over the city of Toronto, the large barn on the farm of Raymond Brillinger was struck and totally burned. The Brillinger farm is on the 6th concession just south of Cashel in S.S. No. 11.

The lightning struck about 11 o'clock at night, and the fire which ensued was first seen by a neighbor Fred Gingell who quickly gave the alarm, and in no time many hands were on the scene to do what they could. Fortunately the stock were low and the loss from contents was kept at a minimum. The binder was burned, but other implements were either outside or rescued before the flames created such a heat no one could approach the building.

The building was completely razed to the stone foundations and was about 45x80 in size. It had modern stabling with steel stanchions, hydro equipment, having been remodelled by Mr. Brillinger since he moved to this farm 15 or 20 years ago. However, the loss is serious, and with the labor situation so acute, a real problem confronts this farmer.

Invasion Announcement Received with Quiet Satisfaction

Tuesday, June 6, will go down in history as "Invasion Day," when backed by millions of men on the shores of England first of the armies stormed and landed on the shores of France headed for Berlin. News of the invasion was received in Stouffville with quiet satisfaction and many people stayed close to their radio most of the day. Only in the larger centres was there any demonstration. Fitting reference will be made to the event next Sunday from several town and country pulpits, since at least one local minister (Rev. T. D. Rayner) changed his church announcement after it was in type because of the turn of events.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Nelson Graham of Mount Albert, wishes to announce the engagement of her youngest daughter Lena Maude to Mr. William Mitchell of Mount Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, Newmarket. Marriage to take place at Stouffville, June 24th.

Mrs. William Lewis of Stouffville wishes to announce the engagement of her only daughter Eileen Ann to Dvr. Lewis Wells, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wells, Lemonville. The marriage to take place at Stouffville, June 24th.

PLEASED WITH AIR CADET SHOWING

Stouffville Air Cadet Squadron No. 94, paraded from their headquarters at the High School to Memorial Park on Monday evening for their inspection before R.C.A.F. officers from Toronto and Oshawa, and a gathering of local spectators.

Inspecting officer, Currie, No. 1 Training Command, Toronto, "took the salute," in company with Pilot Officer R. P. McKinnon of Oshawa; Flt. Sergt. Robertson of Toronto, was also in attendance.

An interesting feature of the ceremony was the commissioning of Adjutant James Porter and Medical Officer Dr. S. S. Ball of the squadron to the rank of Pilot Officer R.C.A.F. The text of the commission was read to the men by Squadron Leader Currie in front of the saluting base.

Chairman Rev. D. Davis and other members of the local Civilian Committee were also on hand.

The Cadets, in uniform went through their drill without error, and the visiting officers expressed themselves as most pleased with what they had seen. "The Squadron is well balanced, and shows considerable improvement," the Inspecting Officer declared.

It was revealed by the official visitors that the curriculum of the cadets is to be slightly altered in the coming months to contain less class room work. Official sanction has also been given for the cadets to be taken on flights, and these are planned for the R.C.A.F. station at Oshawa.

Following their inspection the cadets were entertained with refreshments at the Bowling Club House by the Local Committee.

First June Wedding

STORRY-GRAHAM

Bloomington Christian Church was the scene of a pretty wedding at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday, when Denelda Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Graham of Ringwood, was married to Gerald Noel Storry only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Storry of Bloomington. Rev. Gibson Brown officiated. The church decorated with spring flowers and candles, made an attractive setting for the ceremony. Mr. Clarion Baker played the wedding music and Mrs. F. Byer, sister of the bride sang "O Perfect Love," during the signing of the register.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white brocade taffeta, her veil of silk tulle was caught to her head with a cluster of white flowers, and she carried a bouquet of red briarcliff roses. Miss Doris Graham was her sister's bridesmaid, wearing a frock of blue sheer and shoulder length veil. She carried Johanna Hill roses. Edna Byer, niece of the bride, made a pretty junior bridesmaid dressed in pink sheer and a band of pink flowers in her hair. She carried a nosegay of roses and pansies.

Mr. Gerald was best man and the ushers were Elmer Burnett and Fred Byer. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, when the bride's mother wearing a blue printed gown with white accessories, and the groom's mother wearing a rose ensemble with blue accessories, received them. They wore corsages of Johanna Hill roses.

The couple left on a short trip, and will make their home in Bloomington. For travelling the bride wore a smart tweed coat with white accessories.

Mrs. Field Born Here 81 Years Ago

Perhaps the oldest living person to be born in Stouffville, Mrs. Darius Field, died at her late home here on Sunday. She had just passed her 81st birthday in March, and had been in critical condition for some weeks prior to her death. Mr. Field died several years ago.

One of the first families to locate in Stouffville when the place was part of Markham and Whitchurch townships, was one Tobias Nighswander. At that time the business of the hamlet was centered around the east end, but Mr. Nighswander had his home as far west on Main Street as the present home of Mrs. Mowat, for he was located somewhere in that section. The family moved to Manitoulin Island when Mrs. Field was yet a small girl. However, she came to Toronto to work as a young woman.

Forty-nine years ago she married the late Darius Field who at that time was a widower. To this union a daughter, Ruth, now Mrs. Kaiser, was born. Also surviving is a granddaughter Grace, and a stepdaughter (Bertha), Mrs. Wm. Madill of Vernon, B.C. and a half-brother Harold Bassingwaite of Manitoulin Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Field farmed in Uxbridge township on the 4th concession north of Goodwood until they retired to Stouffville about 25 years ago.

The funeral from the late home on Wednesday afternoon proceeded to Goodwood cemetery. Rev. D. Davis conducted the service.

Photos on this page by W.R. Sanders

Lightning Pranks Seldom Equalled Were Recorded Here in Recent Heavy Storm

Burned Bread Held in Man's Hand - Goes into Clothes Closet, Burns Contents

Wind and rain swooped down on the local district last Friday, accompanied by lightning that left destruction in its wake, but fortunately no deaths.

Something like a miniature tornado struck across the Markham-Whitchurch townline between the 6th and 7th concessions and along by George Foote's farm, telephone poles were snapped off, huge trees were toppled over and smashed, while the hydro line in this area was also put out, and a strong new pole was bent badly. Miss Grace Bulley, sitting at the window in the Foote home was slightly stunned by a shock of lightning.

In town lightning put on some capers the like of which seldom been recorded. Ernie Woodward and Bill Harding from Brougham were sitting in Mr. Woodward's trailer in front of the Silverthorn garage. They were eating a meal, when the lightning flashed in on the wires, scorched a large calendar off the wall and singed a piece of bread in the hands of Mr. Woodward, so that he had to throw it away. The small radio on the table in the trailer started to smoke, and the men got out. A pair of water close by was doused on the fire which saved the trailer from further destruction. It was a miraculous escape for the two men who were not injured at all, while evidence of burns from the lightning was all around where they sat.

Up at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hopkins lightning came down the chimney and jumped into a clothes closet burning up a dozen dresses, causing smoke damage and damage to the electric in the place. Switches were knocked off the wall and fuses were burned out. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Mrs. Hopkins and her mother, Mrs. Theo. Madill were both in the house at the time, and they quickly summoned aid, while throwing buckets of water into the closet which undoubtedly saved the house from destruction. The line of dresses on the hanger were burned off from the bottom to the arms and shoulders on some. The fire brigade quickly responded to the alarm and promptly examined the attic part of the house extinguishing any smouldering part left from the lightning.

Three pigs out on the farm of Harvey Schell, butcher, were killed by lightning, but stock generally speaking escaped injury which is surprising. Wind damage on the whole caused more harm than lightning from this particular storm centred along the townline and in town.

The telephone company kept a Sunday gang out repairing the lines of tangled wires west of here in the neighborhood of the Foote farm. Communication between Stouffville and King and Aurora was interrupted for several days. Gormley was cut off entirely from Stouffville. When big trees were snapped off toppling across the highway they were quickly removed so that little interruption along the townline was encountered by the traffic.

Lightning struck the home of Reg. Rennie on the 10th of Markham, but did not cause a fire. The flash tore off some shingles, blew out the electric lights, and followed the line to the barn where the water pump and electric motor were damaged. Milking had to be done in the good old fashioned way.

WITH THE SCOTTISH



Bob McConnochie, son of Mrs. Dave McConnochie, Stouffville who is in England with the vast invasion army. Bob is a member of the 1st Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. He trained here at Brantford and Camp Borden, was employed at the Stouffville Machine & Tool Works prior to enlistment. A brother Allen is a member of the Postal Corps at Mountain View.

LOSES SISTER OVERSEAS

Rev. Gibson Brown received the sad news by cable from London, announcing the death of his youngest sister who passed away in London on June 3rd. This is the first break in the family. There survives the parents, three sisters and three brothers. The parents and all the family, excepting of course Mr. Brown, are living in their native Belfast, Ireland.

Lieut. Reta Nicely writing from England, reports an interesting visit with Lieut. Margaret Ball. No doubt the home front had all the precedent over the invasion front during their happy visit in their comfortable English quarters.

POSTED TO MARATIMES



Robert "Bud" Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sanderson, O'Brien Ave., Stouffville, who recently received his wings at Hagersville, and has been commissioned a Pilot Officer. "Bud" received his schooling in Stouffville, and had been employed in Toronto by Loblaw's just prior to enlisting. He is now stationed at Matland, N. S.

Woman's Wrath Turned on Township Assessor

Township Assessor Walter Craig Markham Township, proved to be the kind of man many a woman wishes she had—he took a tongue barrage without answering back. The scene was at the Court of Revision held in the township offices at Unionville on Monday.

Mrs. W. Harris of Langstaff, fairly silenced members of the council now resolved into a court to hear complaints against the recent assessment. Said Mrs. Harris, "I'm a war worker and should be home asleep. Craig raised my assessment on our two acres of land and cottage \$200. Now Mr. Craig what have you got to say? You did this thing before on us. Yes, you did, Craig, don't deny it. Go through your books Craig. You couldn't wait till we enlarged our kitchen or made some kind of improvement, could you Craig? You don't like me Craig. I can sense that when you look at me. What I want is justice."

Mr. Craig said he raised the assessment \$200 to bring it in line with other acreage in the locality. The total assessment now only stands at \$900, the assessor explained, and the increase made this year would only bring an extra tax of between \$5 and \$6. "I am trying to equalize these properties," he said in defence.

Deputy Reeve W. L. Clark at this juncture asked what the property

was worth, and Mrs. Harris said, "would you be a skunk?" Said Mr. Clark, "I was asking a fair question."

"You were not," shot back the excited lady.

The clerk Chas. Hoover at this juncture said he had searched the records and no increase had been made whatever, at least not since 1933, and that's as far as I searched," said he.

Councillor Reesor said the assessment sounded like a fair one when compared with surrounding properties, but in view of the lady's appeal, he moved that it be reduced \$100. On this vote council divided and left the decision to Reeve Hooper who said he would allow the reduction of \$100, although he had no complaint against the judgment of the assessor.

Only minor changes were made in any other assessment, reducing the grand total by a mere \$1125. This included a reduction for Raymond Brillinger whose barn was just burned, of \$600, leaving total assessment for house and outbuildings at \$1300. The clerk was instructed to ratify the appeals in ownership, and court adjourned.

Keep Open June 28th for the big night at Stouffville—Over \$200 in Lucky Draw Prizes.

Farm at Claremont Protected By \$60,000 Insurance

Probably Heaviest Coverage Granted any Farm in Pickering—Fear of Treachery Induced Owner to Surround Premises with 20 Police Dogs.

The R. G. Roy farm at Claremont has just placed an imposing fire insurance policy on the farm buildings and residence that is said to be the largest single farm policy ever written in that township. Mr. Roy admitted on Tuesday that he had been issued the insurance with the Reliance Co. for \$40,000 on his buildings and \$20,000 additional on the contents.

"I had my insurance cancelled recently because of certain inside reports circulated, about me," said Mr. Roy, who in addition to obtaining new insurance this Toronto Art Gallery proprietor, has bought up no less than 20 police dogs highly trained in the art of protecting the master's property. These animals are now at the big poultry ranch south of Claremont,

PASSES FIRST YEAR IN MEDICINE

Announcement of results at the annual examinations in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto, indicate that Murray A. Wilson of Stouffville, son of Dr. Harry Wilson and Mrs. Wilson of Stouffville, was successful in passing his first year.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY STOUFFVILLE CEMETERY

Sunday, June 18 has been set for the annual memorial service at Stouffville cemetery. Plan to be at the cemetery on that occasion for the afternoon service to join in paying respect to our dearly departed loved ones.

Dr. George and Mrs. Lee of Vancouver, were in town for a few days the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Freeland. Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Freeland are sisters. Dr. Lee is head surgeon of the Hodgins clinic at the Pacific coast, which is really a chain of clinics operating throughout the city.