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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADS TO TEACH

Because of the alarming shortage of public school teachers, high school graduates of good standing are being permitted to join the ranks of public school teachers on September first after a six weeks special course in Toronto, the Dept. of Education has decreed.

Taking advantage of the concession, three girls graduates from Stouffville High School. Misses Eileen Weldon, Ruth Gooding and Grace Latham, will be instructing in the three R's next term. The first two mentioned have secured schools in North Gwillimbury township, while Grace Latham will teach near Weldon.

## Eleven Made Sixth Blood Donation

There were one hundred and twelve donations of blood given at the last local clinic, seventy-one men, and forty-one women, eleven of the total being new donors.

We are informed by the committee secretary, Dr. Innis Macdonald that the next clinic will be on Aug. 10th. There will be no clinic held during the month of July, as the Connaught Laboratories whose facilities are taxed to the limit to handle the Ontario donations, feel the need of this summer month to re-organize their staff and equipment.

Eleven of the donors at the last regular clinic received their silver buttons, having made their sixth donation. They are, Joe Brownberger, Milne Freeman, Garfield Hamilton, Clarence McDowell, Stewart McQuay, Fred Pickering, Lewis Reesor, Bert Silverthorne, John Timbers, Vernon Trunk, Alvin Wideman, Mrs. Fred Matson.

Fourteen of the group received their bronze button, having made third donation. They are Mrs. John Baker, Irvin Borinsky, Mrs. Jean Bridges, Mrs. Hilda Campbell, Mrs. John Dix, Miss Margaret Duncan, J. Allison Fleming, Elgin Hastings, Mrs. Fern Lapp, Allen Michell, Mrs. Laura Miller, Mrs. Walter Pipher, Mrs. Fred Spring, Mrs. W. Topping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowbotham and Mrs. Thos. Klinck left Tuesday for Peterboro to spend a few weeks.

## Retired Farmer Drops Dead in Local Blacksmith Shop

Driving the black farm team belonging to his son into the blacksmith shop of William Griffiths on Saturday morning, William Rennie fell on the floor and died in a few minutes without uttering a word. His son, Reg. Rennie came to town that morning with the farm wagon, and was accompanied by the U.F.O. scales by his father who suggested that he would take the team on down to the blacksmith shop, which he did. Driving into the shop he tied the horses, and was standing behind them as Mr. Griffiths went to work on the hoof of the first animal. At that moment Mr. Rennie fell to the floor. Medical aid was summoned, but Mr. Rennie was in a death grip when he fell.

Native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, this sturdy 74 year-old farmer lived on the 10th concession of Markham for nearly 40 years.

With his wife the couple retired in town three years ago, but their leisure days were short, for Mrs. Rennie died only seven weeks ago, a parting which had visible effect on Mr. Rennie who himself was conscious of a bad heart condition. His death was sudden but it was as he would have willed it, since the demise of his wife.

The Rennie family came from Scotland when William was a boy. The parents settled near Mud Lake in Scott township, and William and James the sons, worked out early in life. James who died three years ago was reeve of Markham Township. Three sisters now survive the brothers.

William Rennie married Sarah Raymer, daughter of the late Peter Raymer, remembered by old timers as the mail courier here. They are survived by three children, one son Reg. on the home farm at Mongolia, and two daughters, Mrs. Roy Wilson on the 8th concession of Pickering, and Mrs. Ernie Lucas, wife of the M.E.C. pastor at Elmwood in Bruce county. There are nine grandchildren.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon from the late home proceeded to the M.B.C. church for service where Mr. Rennie was a faithful member, thence to Stouffville cemetery for interment. Rev. E. Moyer, pastor, conducted the service.

## IN ON INVASION



Grant Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner of Stouffville, was one of the local sons known to be on the scene of invasion last week, as he is a member of the crew of the H.M.S.C. Prince David, an auxiliary ship, transporting troops to the Normandy beachhead. A number of other Ontario men have also been named as members of the crew of this ship which saw service as an armed merchant cruiser back in 1940. A sister, Kathleen Turner is also serving with the R.C.N.V.R., and is stationed at the Cornwallis station, N.B.

## Severely Burned When Spray Ignites

Harold Cober, son of Jos. Cober of Gormley, along with his employer, Mr. Wm. Baker, Maple, had a narrow escape, when spray which they were using to destroy weeds, ignited, setting fire to their clothes.

It is understood that one of the men lit his pipe in the cab of the truck, and spray fumes which had apparently pocketed there, burst into flame, and licked the clothes from the men's backs, in a twinkling.

Medical aid was rushed to the scene, but prompt action by the men in rolling out the flames, saved them from possible fatal injury.

A recent electrical storm knocked out ten street lamps in Stouffville, nearly all in the east end of the village.

## Dr. J. Burkholder Dies at Age of 82

Dr. Jacob Burkholder, 82, of 7332 Constance Avenue, Chicago, who retired from active practice of medicine last year, died Thursday at his home.

He is survived by his widow, Millie (nee Barkey), a daughter, Mrs. Ferol Humphrey, two sons Dr. Charles A. and Fred O., six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. An only surviving sister is Mrs. A. H. Lawson of Weston.

Dr. Burkholder was born in Stouffville, received his Degree of Medicine at Western Reserve University, London, and had resided and practiced medicine in Chicago since 1894.

For many years he was Professor of Ophthalmology at Loyola University, and prepared many papers for the profession on this subject. He also was the author of the "Anatomy of the Sheep's Brain."

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and all recognized medical societies.

Masonic funeral was held in Chicago on June 10.

Dr. Burkholder was deeply concerned about the finer things of life, and was always interested in his home town of Stouffville. He was an interested reader of The Tribune and as he spent many of his summers at Jackson's Point he seized many opportunities to call on old friends in town. His passing is learned here with deep regret despite his advanced years, for the home town has lost one of its cherished friends.

## ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Margaret Spang Forsyth, daughter of Mrs. Forsyth and the late Edwin A. Forsyth of Stouffville, to William Howard Cunningham, R.C.A.F. son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cunningham, Holt, Ontario, the marriage to take place in Stouffville United Church July 8th, at 4 o'clock.

## Salary Increases Given to All Ten School Teachers

Salaries Hit New High for Stouffville - Miss Mary Johnson of Hamilton to Fill High School Vacancy - Plans Proceed for Teachers' Rooms

Teachers salaries hit a new high for Stouffville when on Tuesday evening the Board of Education found it advisable to increase the salaries of the H.S. staff a total of \$550 to keep in line with salaries being paid in other places. New teachers without experience were demanding as much and more than Stouffville had heretofore been paying.

Miss Mary Louise Johnston of Hamilton, was engaged to replace Miss Foster. Miss Johnston's father, it is interesting to note, has just been appointed a high school inspector.

C. E. Watson, principal of the public school, was increased to \$1700, and three of his lady teachers to \$1200, and another to \$1150. These are all-time top salaries here and were arrived at only after considerable hesitation on the part of

board members. However, there is a teacher shortage, and inexperienced teachers are getting \$1000. Total increase in public school salaries of \$450, plus the village share of high school increases will run to about one mill on the tax rate, so that the increase was not viewed as anything too serious.

Mr. Don Chadwick reported on the possibility of installing teachers' rooms at either end of the big hall, one for men and one for women teachers, and he was instructed to proceed with getting out the plans. Trustee Dawson Hare also reported with Mr. Chadwick. This is an improvement urgently needed in the school.

Members present were Messrs. Ira Aldred, (chairman), A.G. Thompson, Ambrose Stover, Frank Riches, Dr. Freil, D. Chadwick and Dawson Hare.

## Fox Family Wiped Out

The farm of Douglas Gee, Victoria Square, was the scene of considerable excitement the other day when about sixteen onlookers witnessed Carl and Arthur Heise digging out a fox hole. There were young in the den and when they refused to come out, Douglas shot the three foxes as they stuck their heads out to look over their chances of escape. The parents were no where to be seen, but they have done considerable damage about the district. The boys will collect the \$3 per head bounty.

## SCORED THEIR FINAL GOAL

Less than two months ago three elderly men who had played football in their younger days over at Altona were able to meet again to vision- once more - some of those strenuous contests so vivid in their minds. These old players were George Carter, William Rennie, Ab. Harland. All three of them are now dead, having passed within a week, a remarkable incident.

## BARN RAISING FRIDAY

One of those pleasing events in the country is coming off this Friday afternoon when the barn for the Ralph Wellman farm at Claremont will be raised. Everybody has an invitation, and it is expected there will be ample help on hand.

## Geo. Carter Laid to Rest Monday

Although born on a farm near Musselman's Lake, George Carter who died at his home on the Carter farm south-east of Stouffville on Saturday, spent most of his life in the locality where he died. As a young man he married Bertha Davis, but she died at a comparatively young age 35 years ago.

They spent seven years of their married life in the Minesing district north of Barrie, but for long years the Carter farm at Altona has been well known.

The parents are survived by one son, Walter on the homestead, and one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Wideman, and a grandson, Stephen Wideman.

Member of the Christian Church, the late Mr. Carter belonged to the Altona congregation. His pastor Rev. Gibson Brown conducted the funeral service on Monday afternoon. Rev. E. Morton and Rev. E. Moyer, assisted. Mrs. Brown rendered a solo. Interment was made at Stouffville cemetery.

## HONORED



Major L. J. Stiver, a Unionville boy, was accorded the M.B.E. in the recent honors passed out by the King.

## Now Want Levy Made Compulsory

So far no report has been made on the success of the canvass throughout Whitchurch township for signatures to a document that would empower the Federation of Agriculture to collect \$1 per annum from each signee through the channel of the tax collecting office of the municipality. This is possible by reason of amended legislation. The petitions are being circulated through the school sections, but it seems rather a slow job, and some doubt about the plan is being expressed.

County Federations of Agriculture in the Province of Ontario thought their financing problems were solved when legislation was enacted authorizing the levy of one-fifth of a mill in the assessment, when property owners agreed. The plan has been given a pretty thorough trial in at least three counties, and weaknesses in the system have been exposed. There has been no definite rule as to compensation for township officials whose duties were thereby increased, and it was found inconvenient making up a tax roll when some lands could be assessed for the fifth of a mill and others could not.

The most serious difficulty of all arises after volunteers have paid their taxes and then begin to inquire when their neighbors or non-signers are going to be made to support the Federation.

In general practice 90 per cent or more of the property owners sign the cards willingly and submit to the levy. In general practice 10 per cent, or less refuse to do so. This creates an unsatisfactory state of affairs, because advantages which accrue from the efforts of the Federation of Agriculture are enjoyed by both the just and the unjust.

As a result of these experiences, Federation representatives have asked for an amendment in the legislation authorizing township councils to pass a bylaw thereby imposing the levy on all farms in the municipality above 10 acres in size. The legislation cannot be amended until next session of the Legislature but in the meantime some township councils are being asked to pass the necessary bylaw now and await its authorization by an act of the Legislature.

## MARKHAM BOY PROMOTED

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hore of Markham, received word that their son Louis, who has been in the south of England, a Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps for the three years, has been promoted to the rank of Acting Captain.

## Council Congratulates The Stouffville Press

The Tribune is deeply indebted to the municipal authorities of the Township of Whitchurch for a resolution passed at Saturday's meeting of the council in which Reeve George Leary and his council offered congratulations to this paper on winning the Clark Memorial Cup.

Councillor L. J. Harper and Councillor Eugene Baker moved and seconded the document, which passed unanimously and with sincere approval of Councillor Ed. Logan and Deputy Reeve Lorne Evans.

The Tribune has been contract printers to the township of Whitchurch for 25 years without interruption.

## DECORATED



Distinguished officer in the Canadian Army, Col. Hollinrake has been decorated with the title of O.B.E. in the recent honors passed out by the King. Col. Hollinrake, the pivotal man at Exhibition Camp, Toronto, has a summer home at Ballantrae and is quite well-known to many in the district.

## Local Boy First To Hop the Atlantic

First Stouffville boy to fly the Atlantic, Ted Cadieux, graduate of Stouffville High School only a year ago, is now a member of the Ferry Command. His address on Monday may be a Canadian port and two days later it may be Southampton. He may spend Sunday evening in Great Britain, and on Wednesday evening it would be possible for him to be visiting his home folks in Stouffville. Ferry command requires daring and its personnel is hand picked and of a very high order.

Shortage of labor is more evident now around Stouffville than any time since war days began.

## Council Asked to Keep Hands Off Sunday Skating

Warning of a tax sale in Whitchurch township was seen on Saturday when the council in session at Vandorf passed the preliminary bylaw authorizing the sale, and calling upon the treasurer to submit a list of all unpaid taxes.

Other bylaws passed at the same meeting presided over by Reeve George Leary gave full police status to the newly appointed constables, J. Foote and Elmer Wells. They are now empowered to make seizure under the Liquor Control Act as well as to perform all normal police duties.

Tenders were opened at this meeting for handling garbage at Wilcox and Musselman's Lake. The veteran Percy Ash was again awarded the contract for Wilcox at \$300 per year, he being the only tenderer.

Two persons tendered for Musselman's, the successful one being Ed. McNally, farmer resident at the lake. His tender price was \$250. Each contractor is required to supply a suitable conveyance, and persons who have their garbage lifted are required to place it in suitable containers. They must be of a size that one man can lift to a wagon or truck.

In anticipation of the farmers being offered any commando help this summer the council formed itself into a committee with the Reeve as chairman, so that they can spot out those in need of extra help, and be prepared to direct workers when they present themselves.

Gaiger's Dance Hall at Wilcox Lake came in for some consideration when a representative of the concern addressed the council about Sunday roller skating. He urged that council give him an assurance that they would not insist on action being taken in case the place is operated on Sundays, implying that if council did not stir up opposition, everything would run smoothly.

However, no such assurance was forthcoming, although members said the matter would be one for county police to deal with. A communication on the subject was on file from the county police department stating that the place would not be opened on Sunday for skating and dancing, and would confine itself to selling refreshments only.

Relief costs continue to run at a low figure, accounts totalling only \$29.79, being up for payment and hospitalization stood at only a minimum of olden days, it being \$58.

Clerk Crawford announced that five tenders were now in hand for the work of taking the gravel off the big hill on the east townline and delivering it on the roads of Whitchurch and Uxbridge. Tenders will be opened at a joint meeting in Stouffville this Friday night.

## SUGGEST FARMER CANDIDATE HERE

We understand that East York Conservative Association will hold its annual meeting in the R. H. Macgregor School, Coxwell avenue on Monday, June 19, for the purpose of bringing out a candidate for the next Dominion election. The sitting member is R.H. Macgregor who has weathered quite a few battles in the Tory stronghold.

However, there is a strong movement on foot this time to choose a farmer candidate, claiming that such a choice would appeal better to the electorate under Mr. Bracken whom the Tories say will be the new premier. In this connection the name of Charlie Hooper, reeve of Markham township, is prominently mentioned. Mr. Hooper on the other hand is silent on the matter, and when interrogated by your reporter, he said that such a demand was purely in the hands of the delegates and was not something for him to promote. Reeve Hooper has been accorded high honors in York County, serving this year as a county commissioner, an office next to the warden in importance.

The mere hint of any change in candidates is bound to bring out a full delegation at the meeting for they really fight down in East York, be they Liberal, Conservative, C.C.F. or any other group.

## RECORD EARLY HAYING

On the James Torrance farm on No. 7 highway at 10th concession, Markham, and on the Win. Timbers farm just west of Stouffville, hay was taken into the barns on Tuesday. Mr. Timbers drew in two loads, and the Torrance farm took in a dozen loads of cured hay.

Drawing in hay by June 13th constitutes an early record for some years.

D. F. Holden & Sons have just completed a new high ramp for elevating cars and trucks for greasing.

## Ab. Harland Dies Suddenly in West

Announcement of the death of Mr. Abram Harland on Tuesday of last week at Treherne, Man., came with no little surprise to old friends in Stouffville. It is just six weeks since Mr. and Mrs. Harland left Stouffville, after a pleasant visit here of some length to the scene of their younger days.

In his 74th year Mr. Harland came to Canada from England when a youth with his parents who lived in Stouffville at one time and who farmed at Peach's. Ab. as he was so well known by, worked in this district and at Victoria Square. He married Ethel Story, daughter of one John Story, mail courier in Stouffville half a century ago. Forty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Harland moved West. They had been married then about five years.

Besides Mrs. Harland there survives a family of ten children, three of the sons, having entered the ministry of the United Church, a rather unique record. Two surviving sisters reside in Toronto.

Old friends about Stouffville, Altona, Victoria Square and Peaches districts will be shocked to learn of the unexpected passing of an old friend who was among them so recently. Mr. Harland was not in good health when on this visit, but it was not realized that his end was so near.

## Cemetery Receives \$100 Bequest

By the will of the late Jacob Hoover of Atha, the Stouffville Cemetery is the recipient of \$100 in cash to aid in the work of improvement and maintenance of the sacred acre. The late Mr. Hoover was a very thoughtful man and in his quiet way made his life effective. The bequest to the cemetery which was to be his final resting place, was just one of those little acts of kindness for which he always stood.

The money was paid over last week by the executors of the estate and it comes at a time when the Cemetery Commission is building up a fund in anticipation of heavy expenses in opening a wider road to the grounds in anticipation of a vault and chapel being built for which the funds are now in the bank a gift from the Thos. Williamson estate.