

Last Week's Thieves are Caught in City with Goods

Toronto Youths Had Helped Themselves to Groceries from Store in Westend Block

Three men were arrested in Toronto charged with breaking into the Hodgins Grocery in Stouffville, and with other thefts from nearby towns.

Two Toronto police in a cruising car spotted the license number of a stolen car and gave chase, cornering the car in a driveway of Hart House where an iron post prevents through traffic. Two of the men jumped out and ran, but after a brief chase were captured. In a house on Wood street the police arrested a third man, and found 140 packages of cigarettes and some clothing stolen from Stouffville and other towns, presumably Richmond Hill and Oak Ridges.

According to police reports the thieves who were chased from Richmond Hill came to Stouffville to break into the Hodgins place in the west end and operated by Mr. Harry Brillinger.

They helped themselves freely to ice cream and candies, also groceries, but did not leave the place in disorder. Entrance was made by forcing the door. We understand the marks of a jimmy could be seen on the store of Stiver Bros. in the west end block of stores.

Leaving Stouffville the thieves forced the gasoline tank at Johnston's store in Gormley where they refueled and drove on to Toronto to be caught.

Not long ago the Stouffville creamery was robbed and men whom the Judge said he believed were guilty either got free or were given very light sentences, all of which is most discouraging to the merchants of the towns surrounding Toronto. It is the unanimous opinion that nothing short of strapping will put an end to this unfair attack by irresponsible city youths on rural stores in York county.

Two weeks ago Boadway's drug store, the pool room and Forsyth's barber shop were robbed, also Wilson's boot and shoe store in Markham, but so far the guilty persons have not been caught unless the more recent theft can be proven against the same people. The manner of breaking in was much the same in all instances.

HELLO MR. PORKY

Not by any means unknown but very uncommon is the humble porcupine. One was discovered last week on the A. Gray farm, concession 7, Pickering. Mr. Porky refused to be budged from where he sat and when prodded a little with a rail he fought back with plenty of quills. Mr. Gray then placed a box over old Porky and rolled him into it, so that neighbors could have a good look. Later the fellow with the little harpoons was released, since he refused to eat in captivity.

J. L. Stiver Member of Pioneer Family

John Lewis Bernard Stiver, born in Markham Township, where he lived all his life, passed away at his home in Unionville on Thursday, June 22, after a long period of failing health.

A life-long member of the Liberal party as his father and grandfather had been before him, he took a keen interest in politics, although of late years ill health forced him to remain quiet. His father the late William Stiver taught school in Markham township from 1850 to 1885 and 21 of these years were spent in the Cottle Corner school, also several years in Unionville. The Stivers came from Montgomery Co. in New York state and first settled in Markham when John Graves Simcoe opened it to settlement duties after the American revolutionary war.

Service was held at Clendingen's Funeral Home in Markham village on Saturday, June 24, after which interment took place at the Lutheran Cemetery, Unionville.

Surviving are Mrs. Stiver, who was formerly Jennie Armstrong Adams, two sons, Lloyd H. who is Principal of Earl Beatty School, Toronto, and Lewis A. who is a teacher in D. B. Hood School, Dufferin and Eglinton, Toronto, and one daughter, Muriel, who teaches in Brown's School, Toronto, also one sister, Mrs. R. B. Elliott, Burlington.

The pall bearers were W. Latimer, E. J. Stiver, A. Hurrell, G. Ogden and L. Wallen, Unionville, and Henry Gibson, Milliken.

Miss Isobel Johnson of Toronto, is enjoying a week's holiday with her parents on O'Brien Avenue.

The regular meeting of the Service Men's Wives and Mothers' Club will be held on Monday, July 3rd, at 8 p.m. All ladies interested are cordially invited.

EARLY POTATOES

New potatoes from some local gardens may be expected on the market any day now. It used to be a race between Robert McKinnon and Robert Stewart as to who would be down town with new murphies first, but the first mentioned has passed on, while Mr. Stewart being over 92 is not interested in gardening any more. Frank Williamson, east end did a flourishing business in vegetables the past two years, but he too, is laid aside and only recently came home from a long spell in the hospital.

Newlyweds Will Settle on Uxbridge Farm

The Church of England in Uxbridge was the scene of a pretty wedding on June 24, 1944, when amidst a setting of daisies and red and white flowers, Elsie Margaret Hockley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Hockley of Uxbridge, became the bride of Joseph Earl Forsyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Forsyth, 2nd concession, Uxbridge. Rev. Ormiston Twiss, rector, officiated.

The bride given by her father wore a floor length white satin dress, silk tulle veil, caught to the head with white flowers. She carried Briarcliff roses. Miss Bernice Burnham was bridesmaid and Mrs. Bettie Munroe, maid of honor. The bridesmaid wore a street length blue silk Jersey dress with shoulder length veil. The maid of honor also wore a silk Jersey shoulder length veil. Ruth Hockley acted as flower girl and Mr. Douglas Ferguson of Stouffville, was the best man. The wedding music was played by Mrs. Cave.

At the reception at the home of the bride's parents the bride's mother wore a flowered printed gown with white accessories. The groom's mother wore navy blue sheer and white, accessories. Both chose Briarcliff roses for their flowers.

After a short honeymoon the young couple will locate on the Second of Uxbridge with the best of wishes for a happy life.

Grandson of Former Hotelman Killed

Grandson of a former well known and long time resident of Stouffville John Gordon Martin of Pickering



village died on the beaches of Normandy on "D" day, according to word received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Martin of Pickering. His grandfather was the late John Martin, proprietor of the old Queen's Hotel in Stouffville which closed its doors after local option came. The familiar hostelry and big barns which stood on the present site of Queen's Court; Main street east, is still well remembered as a popular stopping place.

John Gordon Martin, rifleman in the Queen's Own Regiment was killed by a bullet. He enlisted in 1940 and is survived by his parents and two sisters, Helen and Mary, both at home in Pickering. His home town paper, The Pickering News, says of Johnny Martin, "He was among the first of the village boys to enlist for overseas service. Known and liked by everybody, his broad smile and grin always brightened up the surroundings when he appeared."

NORMA DONS THE CAP

Towns people will be delighted to learn that Miss Norma Stover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover has successfully passed her preliminary examinations at Hamilton General Hospital, and will now go into training at Mountain View Hospital there. Norma likes the course very much, and we predict that when she writes "R.N." after her name she will be one of the finest.

HOME FROM ITALY



Pte. Wallace Bond landed back from beachhead in Italy on Friday morning to his old home at Gormley. He crossed the Mediterranean with the Canadians and landed at Ortona. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bond.

A PARATROOPER

Roy Stover, eldest son of Mr. Archie Stover of Milverton is in training as a paratrooper, stationed in western Canada. Roy was born in town here, and was quite a weed lad when the family moved to Milverton.

GRAIN CUTTING TEN DAYS OFF

Our Victoria Square correspondent reports oats ready for the binder in another ten days, and on two farms there the crop is estimated to yield around 100 bushels to the acre.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

High School Principal L. C. Murphy who was recently appointed chairman of the examining board for this district, is presiding at the Entrance examinations at the local centre this Wednesday and Thursday. Only sixteen pupils are writing, four of whom are from Stouffville school. The great majority nowadays are granted their entrance on their term work.

DONOR OF MEMORIAL RINK, UNIONVILLE, DEAD

Word has just been received from Buffalo of the death of William H. Crosby, aged 82 years, president of the Crosby Co., and native of Unionville.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Powell Crosby of Unionville, he received his education in the village and at Markham high school. He lived in Buffalo many years and established the firm of automobile accessories, of which he has been head.

Mr. Crosby was prominent in welfare work, and donated the Crosby Memorial Rink at Unionville to his native village. He was the donor of the Crosby Hall to Buffalo University as well. Surviving are a son and three daughters, also a sister, Mrs. Margaret Legge, Toronto.

Reforest 150 More Acres at Vivian

It was disclosed at York County Council last week that the reforestation committee has purchased an additional 150 acres to 180 acres at Vivian as well as some 160 acres in East Gwillimbury, Reeve Weldon of Stouffville is a member of the reforestation committee. Council accepted the report of the committee and approved their action.

Council also accepted the recommendation of the reforestation committee calling for the purchase of 540 acres of submarginal land as a post-war project. Prices average from \$10 to \$15 per acre. At present some 1500 acres of land has been reforested at Vivian, and the most recent purchases include 50 acres from George McCormick on the north-east corner at Vivian, and 30 additional acres from the same man just to the north of the 50 acres. Fifty acres is being taken over from Shakeman's property on the north-west corner fronting on the Vivian sideroad, also a nice maple bush in this area.

For the most part these lands are light sand with no fertility for farm crops. Covered with pine trees they will grow into value as timber and will conserve the land and water areas in the district for many miles around.

BIRTHS

BYER—At the Markham Nursing Home, Markham, on June 21, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Byer (nee Joyce-Cleare), the gift of a baby sister for Gary, Betty Irene.

WAGG—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, June 23, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wagg, (Toronto), a daughter.

BROWN—To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown, 6th Con., Whitchurch, on Sunday, June 25, 1944, a baby sister for Shirley.

DOUGLAS—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Tuesday, June 27, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Douglas, Claremont, a son.

Prominent Figure Called by Death

A familiar personage in the Stouffville district, William Ratcliff, died with shocking suddenness at his home on Church street, Stouffville, where he had lived retired for the past five years. Although in delicate health from a serious heart condition, Mr. Ratcliff had been feeling a little better, yet on Saturday morning, June 24, when preparing to take a bath, he expired without the slightest warning. Mrs. Ratcliff was present when the end came.

Born on the Ratcliff homestead on the Markham-Whitchurch townline, (now the Robt. Ratcliff farm,) 70 years ago last March 14, William Ratcliff grew to be a widely known and highly respected citizen. He was a successful farmer, cattle man, and lumber dealer. He farmed at Baker Hill for 25 years, establishing the homestead now owned and occupied by his youngest son, Gordon.

In religion he was a Baptist and served for long years in the capacity of deacon. Because of his occasional visit to the church of his choice at Claremont he was honored with a deaconship there, a position he held at the time of his death.

William Ratcliff was a son of Henry Ratcliff, who came from England before the middle of the last century and settled west of Stouffville on the well known homestead. He is survived by one sister Mrs. John Nicely and by one brother Robert. In 1900 he married Laura Lemon who survives him together with three sons, Harry, Alex, and Gordon Ratcliff, the latter two well established on their own farms on the 8th concession of Whitchurch, while Harry operates a large transport business and deals in timber and wood.

In 1942-43 William Ratcliff served on the council of Stouffville, but retired owing to his physical condition. He was a man of few words, careful in his habits and of sound judgment. The district will miss Mr. Ratcliff.

The funeral on Monday afternoon from the late home proceeded to Stouffville cemetery for interment, Rev. Douglas-Davis and Rev. L. E. Atkinson, conducted the service. Mr. Davis was a neighbor and Mr. Atkinson a life-long friend and acquaintance. The pall bearers were all nephews of the deceased, Messrs. Fred, Norman and Floyd Steckley, also Donald, Charles and Howard Ratcliff.

Ottawa Agricultural Official Pays Visit to Markham Farm

It is just three years ago since Hon. John Bracken visited the farm of Mr. Jos. Betz on the 10th concession of Markham, just south of Stouffville, and now Mr. Betz entertained other important visitors, when on June 23, Mr. R.M. McVicar from the Central Experimental Farms, Ottawa, visited the Betz place to inspect the stands of white clover and the equipment for harvesting it.

Mr. McVicar expressed his pleasure with the extra good fields of white clover, and showed keen interest in the John Deere combine equipment and clover harvesting outfit which is claimed to be the most up-to-date in Canada.

What have you in the clover line that attracts such important men, The Tribune asked Mr. Betz, who said, "I have three varieties of white clover which look much alike except in size."

"White Dutch clover is the smaller variety," explained Mr. Betz, "but yields as high as two loads of hay per acre and is also a good seed producer."

The next larger, explained Mr. Betz is permanent white clover which came from New Zealand. He claims it gives a good yield and is hardy and will last many years for hay or pasture. Live stock are fond of it, he maintains and do not bloat on it like they do on alfalfa.

The largest of the three white clovers grown is Lanino, now highly recommended by the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Betz claims for it heavy crops of hay and pasture with a high feed value above alfalfa. It was reported at the recent farm day at Guelph that seed from this variety was selling for \$2.75 and \$3.00 per lb.

CHURCH PARADE

The Loyal Orange Lodge at Goodwood will hold a church parade next Sunday, July 2nd, when the brethren will attend divine service in Goodwood Baptist Church. Brethren will meet at the lodge rooms at 2:30 p.m. Visiting Orangemen are invited.

Former Resident Leaves Large Estate for Benefit of Daughter Mrs. Bosworth

Sister of Late Byron Beebe Distributes Estate of \$153,831 Between Relatively Few People

Mrs. Harriett Ida Birchall who died in Toronto last January 29, left an estate of \$153,831. One time resident of Uxbridge, Stouffville, Box Grove and Lemonville, it appears that these places of her early childhood were not on her mind when the will was drawn since no community or relative therein benefits from the big estate.

Mrs. Birchall was a sister of the late Byron Beebe, but Mrs. James Monks of Lincolnville, a niece of the wealthy lady does not benefit from the estate. However, Mrs. Roy Mustard of Barrie and formerly of Markham village may benefit materially some day. Mrs. Mustard before her marriage was Anna Spears.

Mrs. Birchall's estate of \$153,831 leaves a life interest to her daughter Mrs. Alleyn Bosworth, whose deceased husband was chairman of the C.P.R., while Richard D. Birchall godson, gets certain personal effects and a \$1,000 legacy.

Should Mrs. Bosworth die without issue, the estate will be divided equally among George A. Berner, nephew; Mrs. Harry Crawford, niece; Mrs. Roy Mustard (previously mentioned) and Mrs. C. A. Cameron.

Assets are bank and other stocks, \$75,621; cash in hand \$292, and in bank \$5,078; personal property \$1,459, bonds and debentures \$70,780.

Harriett Birchall fell heir to her large estate from her husband, but when she lived in the local district she was of very normal circumstances, we are informed by one very close to the family. Mrs. Birchall was one of several daughters born to Silas Beebe, who was a famous axe maker. He was an artisan of outstanding ability, which trait seemed to have been embodied to a great degree by his son Byron who lived in Goodwood and later in Stouffville where he died within the memory of many of our readers. It is said that an entry of the Silas Beebe family is still to be found on the old Methodist church records at Uxbridge. It is probable that some of his children were born in Uxbridge, but of that fact The Tribune is not certain, for the family also lived in Beaverton.

The late Mrs. Birchall has on occasion been the guest of Mrs. Myrtle Beebe Monks here, but not quite for some years now. For years she was soloist in Sherbourne Street United Church, and was an accomplished singer.

ENTRANCE PUPILS SHOW OUTSTANDING WORK

At the recent High School Entrance examinations held for form candidates, Dorothy Cleverdon and Walter Wyatt, both of S.S. No. 11 Markham, passed with honors. These students should be congratulated on their outstanding work. Dorothy was successful in obtaining the perfect mark assigned in spelling. This is an exception. Miss Dorothy Bunker, a graduate of Toronto Normal last year is their teacher.

Cousins Married in Double Ceremony

An interesting fact in connection with a very interesting double wedding in Stouffville on Saturday afternoon will go down as seldom equalled here. Eileen Ann Lewis and Lena Maude Graham, the two brides are first cousins and they took their marriage vows together at the United Church parsonage before Rev. D. Davis. Eileen was wedded to Gnr. Lewis Charles Wells son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wells of Lemonville, while Lena Maude Graham was united with William John Mitchell. Miss Lewis has made her home with an aunt in Stouffville, Mrs. William Lewis, while Miss Graham likewise lived with an aunt in Mount Albert.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Lewis in the west end when the young couples were supported in the receiving line by Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Wells. About 40 attended the reception and luncheon.

The happy quartette newly married left on a trip to northern Ontario where they will stop at South River near North Bay. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will take up residence in Mount Albert, while Gnr. Lewis Wells will resume his post in the army, and Mrs. Wells will remain in Stouffville.

SUPERVISOR



Lieut. Jos. Ward of Claremont, is supervising the instruction of an armoured division training at Camp Borden. Lieut. Ward, whose wife resides in Claremont, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward. He was born in the village and attended school there. Prior to enlisting Lieut. Ward was foreman in the Oshawa Duplate Co.

Masons Install New Officers

Despite the hot evening there was a big turnout at the installation ceremonies for Richardson Masonic Lodge on Monday evening, which comfortably filled the banquet hall following the work of the evening in the lodge room. Since 1916, Rt. Wor. Bro. H.C. Tugwell of Georgina Lodge, Toronto, has officiated at this ceremony, and Monday evening witnessed the veteran member carrying on the duties once again. As a mark of his fidelity to Richardson Lodge the members presented him with some choice china. The new W.M., A. E. Weldon officiated at the banquet for a short toast list. Strawberries, cream, pie and cake



A. E. Weldon, W.M.

formed the menu. In addition to guests from Toronto, Masons were present from Markham, Pickering, Claremont, Aurora, Newmarket and Lindsay. The officers installed for the ensuing year are:

- I.P.M.—Harold Mason
- W.M.—A. E. Weldon
- S.W.—Ormsby Lehman
- J.W.—Edward Logan
- Chaplain—J. F. Reid
- Secretary—K. R. Davis
- Treasurer—A. V. Nolan
- S.D.—Harvey Moyer
- J.D.—Morley Haynes
- S.S.—Dean Wagg
- J.S.—Norman Wagg
- I.G.—Reuben Pearce
- Tyler—Howard J. Malloy.

NEW CABBAGE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The Walter Brillinger gardens took off the first local cabbage of the season last weekend, thereby establishing a record early cut for ten years or more. Mr. Brillinger said about the end of the first week in July was the earliest, but this year a limited number of heads were cut about June 23. Indications are that there will be an abundant lot of local cabbage right away, which will remain in plentiful supply throughout the season as the acreage planted is very large.

Miss Lois Kester is in Ottawa on the professional Aerodynamic staff of the National Research Council.