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Ontario and Yukon Editors Meet

Publisher of The Stouffville Tribune is pictured greeting Horace A. Moore, editor of the Whitehorse Star in the Yukon, at the convention of the Canadian Weekly publishers in Winnipeg. Mr. Moore's paper is the most northerly one published in the British Empire. It is 44 years old and never misses an issue. The editor flew from Whitehorse and his ticket cost \$299.70, and flying distance was 1700 miles Mr. Moore said. Drinking water at Whitehorse costs 5 cents a pail, and fresh milk is unknown. All the babies in that town are raised on canned milk. Winter weather, if normal, stands around 40 below, and if real cool, it sometimes touches 70 Mr. Moore said. Daily papers sell for 10c a copy in this northern town where planes cross from Canada to Russia under U.S.A. consignment.

Reads Home Paper as Nazi Bullets Spat in Street Outside

The following letter has been received by the editors of The Tribune from L. Cpl. "Wally" Nicholson of Stouffville.

Dear Friends,

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm still kicking around over here, now in France. This job that I'm on is an information post, and it now happens to be three a.m., and I've just been reading the Stouffville Tribune, and thought it would be a good idea to let you know how much this paper is appreciated in these lonesome times. They're sure welcome.

In the last two and a half years the paper has reached me regularly and has been welcome by myself and two or three other boys in my unit from around Stouffville.

I notice that Price Pugh is in Italy. We were supposed to head in that direction, but finally ended up here in France. However, things are not so bad. We had a few air raids lately, and the Jerry's were over again early tonight. They dropped a few bombs and machine-gunned the streets. One of the planes was shot down as I watched, and the rest got a hot reception from our guns. I don't imagine they caused much damage, because the damage had been done to this town when we Canadians got in here. Sorry, I can't mention the name of the place, only to say that the poor people have suffered tremendously.

Most of the buildings are flattened, and those that are not flat have a hole in the side, you could drive a tank through. Frankly, the place is in ruins. The Germans left lots of food in the cellars here, and they had every garden in the town planted. We're enjoying digging our own potatoes, picking peas, beans, tomatoes and such for our own use. We're really making the most of these fresh vegetables. We never saw fresh vegetables in England, so you can understand, they're a real treat. So far I have not met any of the local boys here, although Bob McConnochie is not very far away, and I hope to look him up shortly.

His regiment has done a splendid job here. I have worked with them very close to the front and they're good men. However, I've never actually seen Bob, because our work has all been done at night. Well friends that is about all the news I can mention, although there is plenty more I could tell you about this place, so I'll say so long. I'll be most glad to hear from anyone who cares to drop a few lines.

Wally Nicholson.

HOME FROM INDIA

Word reached The Tribune just before press time on Wednesday to the effect that Mrs. Harry Worling, wife of a former Christian Church minister here, had just arrived in Canada from India, information friends will be glad to learn.

RETURN TO KITCHENER

Mr. Gordon Bolender is spending a week with his parents at Bethesda, prior to returning to Kitchener, where he is teaching on the public school staff. Gord spent the summer at Queen's University, Kingston, taking special courses. He is a graduate of Stouffville High School and taught for two years at Altona.

Upper School Results Released

I 75-100, II 66-74, III 60-65, C 50-59

Frances-Clarkson: Eng. Comp. I, Eng. Lit. I, Mod. Hist. I, Geom. I, Trig. I, Phys. I, Chem. I, Fr. Au. II, Fr. Comp. II.

Ruth Gooding: Eng. Comp. II, Eng. Lit. I, Mod. Hist. II, Geom. III, Trig. I, Phys. III, Chem. II, Fr. Au. II, Fr. Comp. II.

Lorraine Hisey: Eng. Comp. C, Eng. Lit. II, Geom. C, Trig. II, Chem. II, Fr. Au. III, Fr. Comp. C, Grace Latham: Eng. Comp. I, Eng. Lit. II, Mod. Hist. I, Geom. I, Trig. I, Phys. II, Chem. I, Fr. Au. I, Fr. Comp. I.

Pearla Taylor: Eng. Comp. III, Eng. Lit. II, Mod. Hist. I, Geom. II, Trig. II, Phys. I, Chem. I, Fr. Au. III, Fr. Comp. C.

Kenneth Tranmer: Geom. C, Trig. C, Phys. C.

Eileen Weldon: Eng. Comp. I, Eng. Lit. II, Mod. Hist. II, Geom. III, Trig. III, Phys. C, Chem. III, Fr. Au. III, Fr. Comp. III.

Fifty-nine papers attempted, 55 papers passed, school average over 93 percent.

L. C. Murphy, Principal

Contracts to Carry 30 Students to School

Six school sections west of Stouffville have banded together and given a contract to Albert Hisey of Goodwood to transport 30 to 35 pupils to Stouffville High School beginning with the fall term next week.

Tenders were called for the job and Mr. Hisey was awarded the work at a meeting held by the trustees this week. Contract price is \$1,800. A suitable bus will be provided and heated for cold weather. We understand that one of the Eaton style busses will be procured, and the sections, in addition to Gormley district and other parts of Markham township, will pick up in Whitchurch as far north as Lemoville and Bethesda.

GORMLEY SCENE OF PLOWING MATCH

At a meeting of the officers of the North York Plowing Match held this week it was decided to hold themselves of the opportunity of holding the match this year on the farm of Mr. Fred Shelke at Gormley. The date is Wednesday, Oct. 25th.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Preston wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Marguerite Matilda to Mr. Leonard Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swanson, Saskatchewan. Marriage to take place on Sept. 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Landon W. Steckley of Gormley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Pearl to Murray A. Wideman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wideman of Richmond Hill. The marriage to take place August 30th at 1 o'clock at their residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Athol E. Feir announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Alberta, to Mr. Marvyn Floyd Rodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvyn Rodman of Uxbridge. The marriage to take place Saturday, September the Ninth at five o'clock in Emmanuel College Chapel, University Avenue, Toronto.

CHATS WITH KING AND QUEEN

Rev. E. Morton has just received a letter from his niece who is overseas with the R.C.A.F., women's division, posted in England. Mable Morton will be remembered by many high school girls of only a few years ago since she was a student at Stouffville when she lived in the east end of the town, and we recall her as one of the very bright students too. Here is a paragraph from her letter that will be of general interest:

"My most interesting news this time is the fact that we have had the Royal Family on our station for an investiture. They came into our mess for tea after the parade and I shook hands and talked with the King, Queen, and Princess Elizabeth. It was quite exciting. The Queen has a delightful smile that lights up her whole face, and the King has an envious tan and is very easy to talk with, and the princess is very much Queen Mary. It was indeed a day to remember."

This former school girl here says she finds England a most unusual country—backward and blind and proud of being both. All of us over here are looking forward more than you can ever realize. It will be a great day when we can all pick up the threads of our old living or start weaving the cloth of our new living as the case may be."



After two years overseas Norman Fockler arrived home last week. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fockler, Ballantrae, Norman developed arthritis from the damp English climate and was returned to Canada like many others in recent months. He knows what the sound of robot bombs is like although he did not directly contact any. He attended Stouffville high school at one time, and his brother is now in Italy. Norm was in the R.C.A.F. and Phil is an artilleryman.

Pastor Who Married Parents in 1917 Hears Daughter's Vows

Rev. S. Goudie, who officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Forsyth 27 years ago, solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Lola Jean Forsyth, to Sgt. Albert Earl Hoover, R.C.E.M.E., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hoover, Dixon's Hill, Aug. 19, in Stouffville. Pink and white gladioli formed an effective setting. Wedding music was played by Miss Geraldine Stouffer, cousin of the bride, who also accompanied the soloist, Lambert Stouffer. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white organza with fingertip veil caught to a Juliet cap. Her bouquet was of red roses. Miss Alice Forsyth served as her sister's only attendant, gowned in shell pink chiffon with matching shoulder-length veil. She carried yellow roses. Attending his brother as groomsmen was Howard Hoover, Floyd Forsyth, brother of the bride, acted as usher. At the reception following, the bride's mother received in a navy blue, two-piece gown of sheer with a corsage of red roses. With her was the groom's mother in a dusky rose two-piece dress of crepe, and a corsage of roses. For her wedding trip later, the bride donned a gold-colored crepe dress, brown tailored coat, matching accessories, and corsage of yellow roses.

Atkinson Residence Sold

Last week Mr. Chas. Neal of Agincourt purchased the Miss Addie Atkinson brick residence on Main street west, a property that has been on the market for some months. The sale means that Stouffville will gain new citizens when Mr. and Mrs. Neal come to reside here.

Well located in one of the most attractive parts of the town, the Atkinson house has quite an interesting history. We are not aware of who built it, but a way back it was the home of the late David Stouffer, known to so many as Uncle Dave. He sold it to a Mr. Fairles who in turn sold it to the late Joe Todd in 1903. Mr. Darius Clendenen then acquired it and in 1907 it was again sold to the late John Atkinson who left it to his daughter now a patient at the Brierbush.

Sunday Fire Consumes J. W. McMullen's Barn and Entire Year's Crop

\$12,000 Loss; Including Whole Season's Crop - Cause of Fire Complete Mystery

About 11.30 on Sunday morning fire was discovered in the straw stack outside the barns on the farm of Jacob W. McMullen, east end, Stouffville. When first seen no larger than a sheet of newspaper, Mr. McMullen and Carl Watson, only two present, tried to stamp it out. It spread just a little faster than Mr. McMullen could tramp, and in less time than it takes to write it, the whole stack was ablaze, and the large barn was in flames. A total loss, together with a team of horses, four calves, and the whole season's crop. Loss is estimated at \$12,000, partly covered by insurance. A badly burned pig was shot to put it out of misery.

Mrs. McMullen was at church and other members of the family were away at the time, she told The Tribune. Mrs. McMullen said the blaze was so small there was a good chance to stamp it out. When this failed her husband ran for water but it was of no avail.

The smaller part of the large L shaped structure was the original barn, Mrs. McMullen who was born on the place explained. It was the home of her father the late Henry Barkey. Twenty-four years ago Mr. McMullen added the larger barn and covered the big structure with metal siding.

What started the blaze is a mystery, since being so small when first discovered and out-of-doors the possibility of combustion is ruled out.

Bad as the situation is, it was fortunate that all the cows and other cattle, also implements, were out of doors.

Flames hurtled high in the morning sunlight, and only a small breeze blew the flames west so that the house and driving shed close by were not in great danger. Stouffville Chemical wagon stood by in readiness to protect the other buildings.

Helped Land Troops for South France Invasion

Stouffville Boy Takes Part in Second Invasion of Continent

Grant Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner of Stouffville, and member of the crew of the H.M.C.S. Prince David, has taken part in the latest allied landing on the southern coast of France, according to word reaching his parents.

Grant told of the thrill of being a part of the greatest of all invasions on the first D-Day when assault boats stormed ashore from his ship, and included a few side-lights witnessed on his vessel.

"The Prince David on her return from the assault area looked more like a hospital ship than an L.S.I. During the early stages of the assault forty-three casualties and fifteen survivors were taken aboard and given excellent treatment and care by the medical staff aboard. The doctors had a swarm of volunteer assistants and Padre Gillard assisting, and they worked tirelessly. There was a great cover

NEW CLUB HELPING

In April of this year The Service-men's Wives and Mothers Club was formed, the purpose of the club being to help provide funds for the Comfort Fund. A Euchre was held April 21th proceeds, \$24.83; a second Euchre on May 12th netted \$14.95. In June tickets were sold on a quilt and a Bazaar held on July 22th. Proceeds from Quilt and Bazaar were \$219.88. Up to date \$259.66 has been turned over to the Comfort Fund. The Club sincerely thank all those who donated goods, etc., to the Bazaar and the public who patronized it.

Herb. O'Brien Spent Most of Life Here

Mr. Charles Herbert O'Brien, third son of late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O'Brien of Stouffville, passed away on Monday, Aug. 21st, at the Newmarket Hospital, the burial taking place privately in the family plot at Stouffville on Tuesday, Aug. 22nd. Mrs. Blanche (O'Brien) Brace and her son Carman, were the only family members present. Brothers Ed. at Cape Cod and Oscar in Chicago the only other remaining members of a family of thirteen were unable to be present. Mr. W. J. Thompson, husband of Laura and Mrs. Gordon Thompson and daughter Dorothy Phillips also attended.

The pallbearers were Mr. W. J. Thompson, Carman Brace, Frank Rae, Blake Sanders, Ross Davis, and L. E. O'Neill. The floral pieces from relatives and friends were very beautiful.

Rev. E. Morton of Stouffville conducted the burial service.

RETURNS TO WEST

Bruce Stover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover, Stouffville, has returned to his R.C.A.F. post at McLeod, Alta. accompanied by Mrs. Stover. Bruce has just been promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer.

of fighter planes on the way in and no enemy aircraft appeared. There wasn't any trouble until our boats were nearly on the beach and then there were mines, and the little assault boats were the heavy sufferers. The Prince David lost four of her five boats in less than five minutes, but after the initial landing, the worst barriers were cleared away."

Carrying Booze, Pays \$10 Fine

Another Toronto motorist, who parked his car in the vicinity of Musselman's Lake and was found to have liquor in his possession illegally appeared before Magistrate W. F. Woodliffe in Magistrate's court, Newmarket, on Friday and was fined \$10 and costs.

Constable Aubrey Fleury told his worship that he searched the defendant's car at 3 a.m. on Aug. 6th and found a bottle of home made wine in the rear seat. The officer stated that Mr. Pozz admitted ownership of the liquor.

Found guilty on a charge of careless driving in Whitchurch township, W. D. Corry, Newmarket, was fined \$10 and costs of \$10.45.

Constable Joseph R. Foote told his worship that he had investigated an accident at 2 a.m. on Aug. 10th at Ballantrae and found that the car which Mr. Corry had been driving had collided with one driven by a Mr. J. Harrison. He stated that the defendant had failed to stop at a stop sign at an intersection.

STAFF SERGEANT WOUNDED

Rev. Kingsley Cutler, a staff sergeant with the Canadian army overseas is reported wounded in France, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cutler, Ballantrae.

WOUNDED

Word has been received by Mrs. John Ferguson, Brentwood Farms, 7th of Markham, that her son, Douglas Ferguson has been wounded during the fighting in France. Douglas is a member of the Queen's Own Regiment and landed on the continent on the second day of the invasion.



Here we picture on the right (bareheaded) W.O. Doug. "Jess" James of Markham, conversing with Pilot Officer J. A. McKinley of Windsor, as they meet in Toronto, after being overseas.