

# Local and Personal Happenings

We note where four men were arrested for stealing vinegar. Wonder if they had pickling in mind.

Remember the stores in Stouffville are open evenings this Christmas week for your convenience, also all day Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crowder of Stouffville have received news from their son Lorne announcing his recent arrival in England.

Among the large number of Canadian troops who arrived here last week, was Cpl. W. H. Shearn of Unionville. The soldiers will get 30 days Christmas leave from the battle fronts.

The next Blood Donor's Clinic will be at Markham on Thursday morning, Dec. 28 in the United Church, usual location. Hours 8.45 a.m. until noon. If you don't get a card, be on hand anyway. Oh yes, eat no fats for breakfast.

Writing from Didsbury, Alta., Mrs. Isaac Burkholder, states that they have had no snow in that part of the West at time of writing, Dec. 12. "We do not want to miss any issues of The Tribune, so we enclose our renewal," she concludes in a brief note.

Mrs. Morton, who arrived from Midnapore, Alta., intends to spend the winter here with her father, Mr. John Ratcliff and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Storey. A resident here 30 years ago, Mrs. Morton has been the post-mistress at Midnapore until recently.

The December meeting of the Garrett Evening Auxiliary was held at the United Church parsonage. The president Mrs. J. M. Storey presided and several of the members took part in a candle lighting worship service under the leadership of Miss Gladys Brooks. Rev. D. Davis delivered a Christmas message. Misses Ann Lehman and Eva Hoover played an instrumental duet. An address on temperance was given by Mrs. Fred McNair, followed by a vocal number by Mrs. Edgar Nigh and Mrs. J. M. Storey. At the close of the meeting a social half hour was enjoyed.

**BIRTHS**  
BYER—At the Markham Nursing Home, December 13, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Erle Byer, the gift of a son, David Wayne.



There were plenty of places to go on Tuesday with Christmas poultry, since Stouffville, Pefferlaw, and Uxbridge all held their Christmas market on that day. Our town was forced into this collision over dates when we had to postpone the date from the previous week due to the storm.

**Can't Do Without The Paper**  
Writing from Rokeby, Sask., an old resident of this district a good many years ago, James H. White writes: "Another year is almost gone, and it is time for my renewal to your valuable paper. I have been taking it almost 40 years, and I can't really do without it. It is a higher class paper now than ever." The Tribune appreciates the foregoing from Mr. White, and wish for him many more years in which to enjoy the home paper.

The Barrie Loyal True Blue Lodge sold a lot of tickets in and about Stouffville for their draw for ten \$50 certificates, but no one was fortunate enough to be winners here. Burlington, Pembroke, Kingston, Beamsville, Tottenham, St. Thomas and St. Catharines had winners, and indicate the wide patronage the sale of tickets enjoyed. The proceeds of the sale were for the T.B. Home and Benevolent fund. There wasn't even a winner in the home town of Barrie where the sale originated.

Big question that may call for a solution is, can the council continue to remove the snow from the business section of Main street at the expense of the general taxpayer in the event of a series of such snow storms as we had early last week? One solution might be for the town to supply the trucks and the merchants the manpower in the form of a bee. Its something to think about, since a quick decision might be sought if the situation suddenly arose whereby we found ourselves under two or three feet of snow again. Business men not equal to the task of shovelling could supply another workman in their stead. There is a limit to what the average taxpayer would consent to have spent on snow removal, and yet to adequately carry on business the Main street must be kept open in order to accommodate traffic and parked cars. A grand job was done in removing the recent depth of snow, and the 1944 council deserve credit for their prompt action. Nevertheless, we ask, is there a limit to what can be spent in this work.

**Taking Matriculation Course in Army**  
Craftsman Fred Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holden, of Markham, and formerly of Stouffville, is with an electrical engineering unit in Italy, and is taking his matriculation by correspondence, and has been very successful in the examinations tried so far. A brother Victor is a staff sergeant with the army stationed at Sydney, N.S.

**Papers Travel Far**  
Among the Christmas gift copies of The Tribune to be sent forward for 1945 is one from as far as Virginia in the south, and Port Coquitlam, British Columbia to the west. The B.C. reader will be John Minns, who was a son of the late George Minns, harness maker in Stouffville many years ago. Mr. Minns' daughter Mrs. Harkness informs us that her father (John Minns) frequently got a copy of The Tribune from old friends and enjoys it so much that he is going to enjoy a whole year's reading as a Christmas box.

Townpeople will shortly welcome Mrs. Jos. Hoover and daughters as new residents of town, since Mrs. Hoover has purchased the Barry cottage at the north end of Mill street. Mrs. Hoover also sold her 71 acre farm near Mongolia to Chas. Kerswell who is employed with Roland Winn and whose father farms on the 5th of Markham.

Miss Lois Kester is home for Christmas from her studies at McMaster University, Hamilton.

There will be no issue of the Globe and Mail on Dec. 26, according to an announcement made by the management. There will, however, be a paper issued on Christmas day.

Ten below zero on Monday morning, was followed by a bright sunshine with moderating temperature, real Christmas weather. Everybody is hoping that there will be no more snow to spoil the roads just opened.

Sub-Lieut. Norman A. Baker, a recent graduate of King's Naval College, Halifax, has been appointed a training officer, on board one of His Majesty's Canadian training ships, operating out of Cornwallis, N.S.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Martin Tait, one time butcher in town, but for a couple of years an employee at Ajax is quite ill at his home here on Mill street, although some improvement has been reported the past week.

**Tunney and Harmon**  
On Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1944, Muriel Gertrude Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Harmon became the wife of Bernard George Tunney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hugh Tunney. Bernard George, as a soldier, had been stationed at A19 C.A.S.C. Camp Borden. The wedding took place at 5.30 p.m. at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. Morton, Stouffville.

**Capt. Guilfoyle Gets DFC.**  
F.O. H. B. Guilfoyle, aged 25, a Toronto boy and son of Mrs. Florence Guilfoyle, a frequent visitor in town at the home of Mrs. Susan Shankel, has just been awarded the DFC. He was captain of a Lancaster bomber and had made 32 operational flights up to August. The citation giving him the Cross said he had attacked defence targets in Germany and had always displayed fine leadership. He manoeuvred his aircraft when attacked by a Messerschmitt 109 with such skill that his gunners were able to destroy the hostile fighter. Capt. Guilfoyle is a nephew of Audrey Bartholomew and a cousin of Mrs. Shankel. His grandmother was born in Stouffville, a daughter of the late George Flint.

**BUSY HEN LAYS THREE EGGS IN ONE DAY**  
A Leghorn hen at the farm of Fred Shadlock on the 5th concession of Whitechurch struck a record last week when she laid three eggs in one day. In fact this "Biddy" performed the whole feat in only a few minutes, and we have the word of Mrs. Shadlock. She was gathering the hen fruit when, the Leghorn laid the first egg, jumped off the nest, but immediately returned to it to deposit the second egg. When she jumped up in a rush and presented the farmer's wife with a third egg, the lady was astonished to say the least. The hen seemed to think she was pushed for time, and neglected to encase the last egg in a hard shell, otherwise the quarter dozen made in record time, was perfect. If anyone can "beat" these eggs let them call around after Christmas.

**NEWS FROM AN OLD BOY AT CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FRONT**  
Dear Sir:  
I have before me a copy of the Tribune of Sept. 21st; and I notice the names of those who are making their sixth and seventh blood donation. May I congratulate and thank them for their generous efforts.  
Having served some time in the lines with a Field Dressing Station, I have seen the great need for blood, and still more blood, I don't think I can stress the point too much, as the need is great, and the harder the battle the greater the need. So friends give all you can. You may feel sure that you have been a great help to some boy who maybe would never have seen home, again. I am sure you will say that is reward enough. So on behalf of the ones in need I say thanks a million.  
I see the boys of the Fire Dept. have been doing some fine work. Congratulations fellows; wish I were with you. Hope to be real soon.  
As you see, I am now with a Dental Coy, and I had a visit with Major Neil Smith a few days ago. Of course we talked Stouffville over from one end to the other. We notice in the Tribune many changes since we left the home town. It's grand to see the noble faces of Mr. Noah Baker and Mr. Nathan Forsyth on the front pages.  
It's been a long time since we saw a Tribune, and we do miss it. Believe me when we do get one, we read every word in it. There are a lot of boys read it who never heard of Stouffville before. To us all it's a Canadian paper, and that's the place we are all looking forward to seeing real soon.  
May I add a few words of thanks to the ones who have been working so hard to keep us all supplied with smokes.  
Once again may I say, thanks a million for everything you have all been doing for all of us.  
May I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.  
One of the Stouffville Boys,  
Price Pugh.

Donald Hodgins officer in the Navy stores for a couple of years and stationed mostly in Western Canada, has now gone to sea for a period, we are informed.

**Now Who Could Have It?**  
It is certainly to be hoped that the finder of Mr. Jess Cober's purse is an honest individual, since there was \$27 cash and a registration card involved. Mr. Cober was enroute to Toronto on Saturday morning, and last recalls having his purse when he bought a railway ticket at the station. On arrival in Toronto he missed the purse and its contents, and telephoned the C.N.R. here but no trace of it was about the station. Of course, the owner, may have been mistaken about where he lost the purse, but wishes us to say that a good reward will be made for its recovery. Trouble never seems to come single handed, it would seem, as Mr. Cober only a week ago lost his wife by death very suddenly.

**CHRISTMAS STORE HOURS**  
Stores in Stouffville are remaining open this Wednesday afternoon and each evening for the remainder of the week for the benefit of the late Christmas shoppers. All stores will then be closed on Tuesday, the day after Christmas which is known as Boxing Day.

The Canadian Girls in Training held their annual Candlelight Service in the Stouffville United Church on Sunday evening. The group under the leadership of Mrs. Riches, Miss Borisuk and Mrs. Murphy took charge of the entire service. The musical portion of the program was under the direction of L. C. Murphy and included vocal selections by the entire group and a trio of Misses Goudie, Weldon and Fairles. The Christmas Story was given by Beatrice Lickorish and Betty Jean Freel.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Notice to Chopping Customers—**  
Our Chopping Mill will be closed Dec. 26  
which is Boxing Day

**Coal Customers—**  
We ask you to have your coal orders in  
early this week as there will be no Coal  
deliveries from Saturday evening until  
Wednesday, Dec. 27th.

**STIVER BROS.**

*The*  
**Season's Greetings**

We wish our many friends and customers,  
A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year

There are numerous articles that  
we cannot buy, but there is no  
shortage of Goodwill. Let us use  
this to build on for a better future.

**RICHES HARDWARE**

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**BEST WISHES  
TO THE PEOPLE OF  
STOUFFVILLE AND DISTRICT**

*A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year*

**HARRY GOLDEN'S CLOTHING STORE**

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*Compliments*  
OF THE SEASON

**BEST WISHES FOR A  
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**BETTY BEAUTY SALON**

**Out of the Darkness**

One by one, the lights of the world are coming on again, shining through the darkness of the night with a warm glow of comfort and cheer. Out of the gloom of war, lights are appearing as bright symbols of a new hope... a hope born of an assurance of victory.

Two thousand years ago the Star of Bethlehem proclaimed the birth of Christ and gave new hope to the world... so the lights return to us now as heralds of Peace... a Peace that comes out of sacrifice and suffering and gives promise of a new and better life.

May this Christmas awaken in our hearts new faith and strength to continue to fight for those things we hold dear... to do our part to hasten the day when the lights in every country again shine brightly and throughout the world will reign the Spirit of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men"

**THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO**