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Because it is impossible to reach our many friends individually, we are taking this means of sending our message of good cheer. A Merry Christmas to one and all!

Stouffville Phone 4301 (Opposite the town clock)

Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church GORMLEY
Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1944

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE 7.30 P.M.

Mrs. HUSON will show the following scenes in SCENE—O—FELT, beautiful oil painted pictures

- I SCENE—THE STAR
- II SCENE—THE ANNUNCIATION.
- III SCENE—THE MAGIFICANT.
- IV—SCENE—THE NATIVITY.
- V—SCENE—THE WISEMAN.

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THE STOUFFVILLE BAKERY



Death of Abijah Jones Recalls Days of Fenian Raid

The passing of Abijah Jones in his 88th year on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1944, removes a member of one of the longest standing families in the Altona district. During the Rebellion of 1837 his father—who was born in 1807 was called on for military duty, but hid in the attic and refused to take up arms. The officer who came to get him listened to the pleading of the young man's uncle and aunt, and returned to Markham alone. Entering the village, it is recalled, the horse stumbled and the officer fell off breaking his neck. This was construed to mean that he was on an ill-considered mission.

Abijah, who passed away at the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville, where he had been a patient for many months, was named after his father. His mother was a member of the Yake family, now living where William Slack lives. Born on the old homestead opposite the Wm. Reesor farm on the Uxbridge-Pickering townline, Abijah took up farming for himself on the present Ralph Jones place at Altona. He married Hannah Gausing who predeceased him one year. He was a man of very fine qualities, and was a charter member of Altona Christian church, which body he joined 56 years ago. He was a Sunday School worker, and superintendent ten years, filled other offices, and led the Bible class until he was 80 years of age, when delicate health forced him to retire much to the regret of many who listened to his able words, backed by a life of devotion and helpfulness.

Surviving are his sister Miss Mary Jones and his brother Ralph who is 85. Another sister Mrs. Benj. Palmer, also a class leader at Altona, died in Vancouver a few years ago, also a brother William died years ago.

The funeral on Saturday from L. E. O'Neill's Funeral Home proceeded to the Altona church for public service where many old friends gathered to pay their last respects to this old patriarch. Rev. Gibson Brown and Rev. Edgar Morton conducted the service, Mr. Morton preaching on the subject of "A Permanent Home."

The pall bearers were Messrs. Wm. Reesor, Fred Ramer, Jos. Byer, Eli and Isaac Lehman and Leslie Hodgins. All but Mr. Hodgins, a neighbor, were class mates under Mr. Jones. Burial was made in the Claremont Union cemetery.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all citizens of York North

Major A. H. Woods (Newmarket) C. C. F. Federal Candidate

LEMONVILLE

The storm gave the school children two days holiday which they appreciated very much.

Guests at the Hastings home over the weekend were Capt. and Mrs. R. W. Morningstar and Pilot Officer L. G. Harvey.

We are glad to welcome Miss Maryon Hastings home after her sojourn in the hospital.

The Sunday School Christmas Concert was postponed Monday night on account of the storm. Everybody come to the School Concert this Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Everybody was listening in to the Friday night broadcast and was pleased to hear our neighbors, Messrs. Jas. Brodie and Fred Timbers give our community a boost.

Mr. A. V. Nolan is deserving of great praise for putting over this splendid advertisement for Stouffville in such an able manner and under difficult circumstances.

NATURAL GAS STRUCK BY DRILLING COMPANY

The company which is drilling for oil on the Dean farm on the second line of East Gwillimbury struck a large flow of natural gas last week when they reached a level of 645 feet. They have now reached a level of 900 feet and the flow of gas is still strong, coming through five tons of water.

WHITCHURCH TAX PAYMENTS EXTENDED TO SATURDAY

Due to the big snow storm last week the council of Whitchurch Township extended the date for paying taxes without a penalty being added to Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Many people who left off making payment until the last minute found themselves snow bound, and unable to get to the bank or to the tax collector.

Likewise, in Markham township the time was extended for one day, and in Uxbridge the extension was made to Dec. 18. The ratepayers are meeting taxes well up to the good record of last year in all townships.

V.C. WON BY HUSBAND



Mrs. David Hornell received this Victoria Cross on behalf of her husband, the late Lt. Lieut. David Hornell, who was posthumously awarded the medal for a valorous attack on a U-boat. It was the first time that a Victoria Cross had been presented at an investiture in Canada.

MAN OF FINE PERSONALITY PASSES

A man of very fine personality and a life-long farmer from east of town passed away on Monday night, Dec. 18th, in the person of Isaiah Hoover at his home in Mongolla. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon. The service at the house will be at 1.30 o'clock, thence the funeral will proceed to the Wideman Mennonite church for service and interment.

Mr. Hoover was 79 years of age and was a son of the late John G. Hoover, minister in the old Mennonite church. The family resided just east of Stouffville on the first sideroad in Pickering, and Isaiah who married Ada L. Barkey continued to farm the home place until he retired at Mongolla. The farm is now being worked by W. Davis. Besides the mother, an only daughter Miss Gussie Hoover survives a beloved father. A brother Joseph died three years ago.

SELDOM SEEN

It goes without any argument that I am a true Canadian and admire the British people, but some of their "hand-me-down" customs are an abomination to the ordinary citizen, and the sooner the British governments rid itself of these traditional things, the better they will be appreciated as great people. Part of the Irish trouble is due to landlord holdings of property handed down over the centuries, and in this single instance, the Irish are surely right. They should not pay toll to heirs of great men on Irish lands given the great people of England centuries ago.

We are not too familiar with history but we have the facts that show for the 138th year in succession. Let us run through just what is going on today in this pension game that is fast passing away, but not too fast.

The perpetual pension of £4000 granted to the Grand Duke of Marlborough and his descendants was paid from 1702 until 1884, when it was commuted for the additional sum of £107,780.

Next costly perpetual pension was, perhaps, one paid to those who came after a little known military leader of the late 17th century—and a German at that.

He was the first Duke of Schomberg, one of the German mercenaries of William of Orange at the Battle of the Boyne, in which he was killed. He must have been tough, for he was then in his 85th year. In recognition of his services, a perpetual pension of £4000 was granted to his heirs in 1695.

All but £360 of this pension, which up to then had cost the taxpayers £640,000, was commuted in five transactions between 1855 and 1915, at the cost of just under £55,000. Redemption was made of the remainder in 1924 at a further cost of £7560. This £360 had been paid to an individual named Gosling, a member of whose family purchased it in 1792.

Also, in 1924, a hereditary pension of £720 granted by George III to Admiral Lord Rodney in 1793, and which had cost the nation more than £90,000, was terminated by the payment of £4000. It had cost £40,000 in 1853 to commute four-fifths of the perpetual pension of £2000 a year that William and Mary gave to Henry de Nassau, Lord D'Auverquerque, and his heirs and assigns for ever (no one now seems to know for what reason), and the nation is still paying £375 16s. annually to the Bank of England, which bought the remaining four fifths from a descendant of his lordship.

And so we come to the Nelson pension, which has cost the taxpayers more than £790,000. Parliament originally, in 1805, voted £2000 a year to the victor of Trafalgar and his two immediate successors. By a statute passed in the lifetime of the second earl, this was increased to £5000, payable to Nelson's heirs in perpetuity. At the same time £90,000 was granted out of the Consolidated Fund to buy a family estate to accompany the title. Since the great admiral's death not one of the recipients of this large pension has been a direct descendant of his.

The present and fifth Earl Nelson is directly descended from Admiral Nelson's nephew. He is 87 years old. In 1924 the then Mr. Philip Snowden told the House of Commons that the Treasury had twice offered to commute the Nelson pension, but that the negotiations had never assumed a very definite form. Nowadays, apparently it is considered cheaper in the long run, if great monetary rewards are to be given to military and naval heroes, to pay them a lump sum down. After the South African war Lords Robert and Kitchener accepted £100,000 and £50,000 respectively instead of annuities, and after the last world war the late Earl Haig was awarded £100,000 and Admiral Lord Jellicoe £50,000.

PEACHES

We wish all the readers a Merry, Merry Christmas.

A special Christmas Y.P.U. meeting is being held at the Kirk home on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. All welcome.

The W.M.S. of Peaches held their postponed meeting on Monday at the Warriner home.

There was a good attendance at the school concert in S.S. No. 11. A silver collection totalled \$14.00. This goes to the British War Victims Fund.

We hope for good roads and weather for the concert at S.S. No. 13 this Thursday evening.

YOUR IMPERIAL OIL STATION

Wishes You Happy Christmas Greetings and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Wilson & Thomas

Les. Wilson Alf. Thomas

Behind the Broadcast

You probably listened in on the Stouffville CFRB broadcast Friday evening, and pronounced it very interesting, but did you ever stop to contemplate on the work, the strain and the stress caused to more than one mind ere such a broadcast is put on the air? Not likely, so we're going to tell you briefly just what is entailed.

First, the broadcast was really secured by this newspaper on condition that we submit a program sufficiently interesting to go on the air with. This was submitted in due time and pronounced by the critics at CFRB and the Willard Chocolate Co. who paid for the broadcast, as entirely satisfactory. Next step in such a program is for a specialist copy writer to come to town and interview the characters written about by the editor, who would put the original story into question and answer form. This is where the story darkens and deepens.

The copy writer, Allan May was scheduled to be in Stouffville three days before the broadcast, but that individual died suddenly on the eve of this date, causing a delay in securing a replacement. The task was assigned to Mr. Dean Hughes, another copy writer, but he could not take the assignment until Thursday, the day before the broadcast, because of other radio engagements. Hughes writes, "The Craigs" following the C.B.C. farm market report, a popular broadcast. Thursday found the roads blocked and CFRB motor cars tied up deep in snow, hence Hughes didn't reach Stouffville until Friday morning about eight hours before the program was scheduled to go on the air. In that space of time he was to interview each person, but here the story grows darker.

Hughes had just finished his second interview when he collapsed in the Tribune office with a severe pain in the side and had to be assisted to a doctor's office. He was never able to resume the interviews, and at two o'clock when Alan Savage and Gordon Sinclair stepped into the sanctum and learned the actual situation pandemonium fairly broke out. To make matters worse they demanded we secure a couple of women for the broadcast, and then they set to work to hold interviews. Three persons whom the editor had previously spotted for broadcast because they were not as available as others whom they chose to use, and so it went. Had the first man not died, and the second one not collapsed the program would have been carried out exactly as the newspaper planned. However, we are deeply grateful to those who filled the breach at the last moment. Alan Savage and Gordon Sinclair worked frantically right through until seven o'clock, even passed up a chicken dinner too, in order to be in the theatre on time, because as they said, "the show must go on."

While all this high tension stuff is being enacted in preparing the actual program, men from the Bell Telephone Co. were in town doing some technical work in connection with hooking up the Stanley Theatre with the office of B. & S. Telephone Co. where a line to Toronto was engaged for the full half hour of the broadcast. Then two technicians from CFRB were on hand to do their part in the matter of putting the voices on the air.

What actually happens is that the program is spoken into a mike on the stage of the theatre by those taking part, and the sound is relayed to the B. & S. office on Main street, then over the Bell wire to Toronto like any long distance message. Here it is received in the control room on Bloor street, and from there is boosted all over Canada and the U.S.A. from the tower on Yonge street. But what a life a radio man leads, if every program calls for the same high pressure, sweat and fear these men all went through putting Stouffville on the air. Our observations in the past is that it is much the same for all programs, excepting somebody doesn't have to die, and a second man doesn't necessarily collapse each time.

BLOOMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Canning and Pte. C. Cowie of Toronto, were out home on Sunday.

Mr. O.H. Tranmer spent the weekend in Toronto.

Don't forget the public school concert on Thursday evening, also the S.S. entertainment and supper on the following night, Friday, Dec. 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Heise of Toronto, were weekend visitors with Mrs. Lemon Paisley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wagg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Lemon.

GORMLEY

The funeral service of the late Ruth Evelyn Heise, daughter, of Joseph and Ada Heise of Gormley was held on Friday afternoon at Heise Hill church, following a short service at the home. Bishop Alvin Winger, and Rev. J. R. Steckley had charge of the service. Besides the parents Ruth is survived by two brothers, Alan and Russel of Gormley and one sister (Marion) Mrs. John Hall of Hagersville. Ruth will be missed in the home, as well as among the young people. She was in her 22nd year and never enjoyed good health.

Send The Tribune to absent friends as a Christmas gift.