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OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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While well-informed quarters in Ottawa have taken cognizance of the proposals in some sections of the country for the calling of a Dominion-Provincial Conference at this time, yet it is known in the capital that the prospects for such a gathering in the immediate future are poor because it is felt in political circles that the Federal Government will not change its mind about waiting for such a Conference until the next general election which is most likely to be held in 1945. The wise men insist that neither Premier Drew of Ontario, nor Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec, are probable to prove to be in harmony with certain policies of the Federal Government. Likewise, the Federal Government is not likely to see eye to eye with these Provincial Government leaders. Moreover, there are so many extremely important matters of taxation, social service, financial and other affairs to discuss in post-war relations between Provincial and Federal Governments that it is deemed that only a Federal Government with a fresh, long mandate can properly act in such momentous meeting of the authorities.

In the background of the hints of a great struggle on the international scene in regard to policies for aviation's future, an experience observer along Parliament Hill can detect that there is unusually deep interest in Ottawa now in the disclosure that the last international air conference at Chicago almost broke up completely since the representatives of various nations seemed determined to press their own national claims rather than approach the problems as international in scope. In fact, it is reported that this struggle for air control or traffic is terrific behind the scenes in several capitals of the world, though it is suggested indirectly in Canada's capital that this country and the United States may get together shortly in an effort to formulate a practical working arrangement for such important traffic in the air between these two neighbouring countries.

There is considerable talk along Parliament Hill at the moment about concrete action being taken by the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa in order to regain and expand Canada's external trade as the life-blood for Canadian economic recovery after this war. Therefore, it has been known in well-informed quarters along Parliament Hill that the officials have been preparing for immediate action just as soon as territories are reopened for trade, with France being the latest territory of such action at the moment as reports in the capital indicate that France is most anxious to purchase Canadian supplies of all sorts, including raw materials, food, etc. Indeed, one report has stated that France's industries are about eighty per cent unimpaired in face of the war but there is a sad need of raw materials of all kinds so that, if France can get such materials or equipment and if shipping can be arranged, her industrial capacity would be greatly aided, perhaps, brought back to normal.

Britain's energetic Minister of Agriculture, Hon. R.S. Hudson, paid a quick visit to Ottawa during his important conferences in Washington. When he was in Ottawa, he held a press conference and he made some deep impressions by his declarations as well as his refusal to discuss certain post-war matters, particularly when he declined to discuss possibilities of marketing Canadian farm products in Britain after this war since this was now under consideration of the British Government and no definite policy had been defined. Likewise, he refused to make any commitments in regard to the import of Canadian wheat to Great Britain after the war, remarking that "wheat can be produced cheaper in Britain today than in Canada." Among other things, he disclosed that the British Government had in mind to train about 100,000 veterans of this war for farms in the Old Country, though he had to admit that Britain had an unfortunate experience after World War I when she placed ex-service men on small holdings because the experiment was not satisfactory and most of these veterans of the First World War lost their money.

Don Hall of Camp Borden was a visitor with his family and friends in town during the weekend.



Coming down on four different farms these four airmen who baled out over Zephyr landed on the 6th con. Scott township, and are shown with Howard Blanchard one of the farmers who gave help. The airmen were all strangers in this part of Ontario. The men were all royally entertained by their hosts who received them in the night. Their plane exhausted its gas supply in the blinding storm.

Four Bail Out in Scott Twp. One on Herb. Paisley Farm

One of the six crews flying Anson trainer planes last Thursday night and who were caught by sudden snow storm and bailed out all landed safely in different parts of the country. One crew jumped while passing over Zephyr in Scott Township, when the four-man crew took to the silk but wind carried them so that they landed five miles west from where the plane dropped, coming down on the sixth concession of Scott, each man touching ground about every third farm from one another. The radio Pilot landed on the farm of Herb. Paisley, brother of Arthur and William Paisley of Stouffville. The Paisley farm is on the sixth of Scott. "The man was unhurt," said Mrs. Paisley to The Tribune. "It was just after 12 midnight and of course there was some excitement," she continued.

"We learned that the pilot who was the last man to jump was the first to reach the ground, due no doubt to the vagaries of the wind. He dropped on the farm of Will Cook just north of us and asked to have all barn yard lights put on. Another of the men was on the Howard Blanchard place, and it was here that the men were photographed by a newspaper man at 2 o'clock in the morning," Mrs. Paisley stated.

The storm broke suddenly, shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday night. Twenty-eight planes from No. 1 A.O.S. were on night manoeuvres at the time and, in spite of poor visibility, 18 of the aircraft managed to land at the airport, aided by radio, and four crash-landed. The crews of the remaining Anson trainers "took to the silk."

Crews of six aircraft who bailed out landed in far distant areas: Bradford, Muskoka--Beach, Wood Lake, Lanark, Zephyr, and one in Sunderland district. Some of these men had hectic experiences to relate, how they landed on ice, spent the night in snowbanks and wandered for hours through Muskoka snows.

Exact monetary loss in the wreck of the six abandoned aircraft and the four planes that crash-landed is not yet known, but the loss has been estimated as possibly \$25,000. It is believed that all the aircraft that crashed will not be a total loss.

SUFFERS STROKE
Friends will regret to learn that Mr. George McCormack of Vivian suffered a severe stroke on Monday. Mr. McCormack marked his 80th birthday last June.

56 YEARS MARRIED
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davey were 56 years married on Tuesday of this week; and were receiving the congratulations of their friends who were aware of the fact. During all these years both Mr. and Mrs. Davey have taken an active interest in the promotion of Stouffville, through its organizations, and they have been consistent church workers too. Everybody is pleased to still enjoy their fine company for they never really grow old.

BROTHER DIED IN LINDSAY HOSPITAL

Mr. Ira Aldred was called to Little Britain a few days ago to attend the funeral of his brother George Aldred who died in the Lindsay hospital. His wife died a few years ago and the deceased was living with his daughter when he took ill.

Mrs. Wm Lickorish was 77 Years of Age

The passing of Mrs. William Lickorish at the home of her son Bert on Main street Friday morning, January 12, followed a long period of delicate health. Mrs. Lickorish was born in Northamptonshire, County, England, and came to Canada with her husband 33 years ago.

The couple first settled at Unionville where Mr. Lickorish was engaged with Frank Stiver for some years, and later took up farming on his own account. They farmed in Markham and in the Claremont district before settling in the Stouffville section. Mr. Lickorish passed away a few years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Bert of the Stouffville Gold Fish plant, and Wilfred in England, also one daughter Mrs. Jos. Betz, south of Stouffville. The late Mrs. Lickorish was a member of the Baptist faith, and was on the church roll at Claremont living in that district.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon was conducted by her pastor Rev. D. Macgregor, who paid fitting tribute to the christian character of the deceased, her great faith in God, and uncompromising attitude toward life. His text was the 23rd Psalm. Pall bearers were all relatives.

High School Drops First Game 6-5

Stouffville High School dropped their first game in the inter-school hockey league on Friday night by the score of 6-5.

The game was a rugged affair throughout, and although the local puck-chasers climbed into a 3 to 1 lead in the opening period, the Scarborough boys tied it up in the second period, 4-4, and counted two in the final stanza with only one reply from the home club.

D. Smith, Ken Schell and Lloyd Jennings were the goal-getters for Stouffville. Though numerous penalties were meted out, with locals having the edge in this department, Agincourt failed to capitalize on any occasion when the home club were shorthanded.

Stouffville goal, Raxlin; defense, B. Forfar, R. Forfar, S. Schmidt, S. Ball, F. Steckley; forwards, K. Schell, D. Smith, E. Lehman, L. Jennings, B. Mulholland, and L. Schell.
Referee—"Ike" Harper.

Stork Made Record Delivery Here in 1944

The stork made a record number of sixty-six deliveries in Stouffville during the year just ended. This was eighteen more than in 1943. While births showed a considerable increase, deaths were down one, from the previous year, standing at 36. The marriages during the last twelve months totalled sixteen.

April saw the greatest number of new arrivals, with eight recorded, while there were seven in August and December. June again held the spotlight for marriages, with three recorded, while in January and March there were none. October and December saw the greatest number of deaths, with five each month.

The total figures show births 66, marriages 16, and deaths 36. In 1943 there were 48 births, 19 marriages and 37 deaths.

FISH WORMS BI-GORRIE

We wouldn't have anyone think that we are not experiencing one of the stiffest winters in 50 years, but despite it all, Wilfred Ferguson, Whitchurch farmer, dug up a fish-worm near his barns a few days ago, and it was alive and wiggling. Any of the lads who would like to go fishing should call around at the Ferguson place for a nice fresh worm. Perhaps the presence of the worm further emphasizes how well the deep snow has kept the frost out of the ground despite the intense cold.

MILKING SHORTHORNS SOLD BY AUCTION

The public auction on the Thompson farm south of Brougham on Monday was a success despite road conditions and extreme cold. Cows averaged \$105, and Auctioneer Farmer, said he never offered for sale a finer looking lot of milking Shorthorns. The high animal realized \$121, finding a new home on the Madill farm at Brougham. Hay in the mow sold for \$14 ton, wheat \$1.05 a bushel, and mixed grain \$1.32 cwt.

NEXT BLOOD CLINIC, FEB. 1st

The date of the next Mobile Red Cross Blood Clinic is Thursday, Feb. 1st, at the United Church, Stouffville, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Don't wait to be asked. Your donation is needed. Remember, no fats for breakfast. Fuller announcement next week.

Frank Minns was Native of this Town

Following a stroke suffered one week before his death, Frank Minns passed away at his home in Mount Joy on Thursday of last week. He had reached the great age of 87 years, and is survived by his wife, and by one son James Frank Minns. The funeral proceeded from Clendenings' Funeral Parlors, Markham, to Ebenezer cemetery for interment on Saturday.

Deceased was born in Stouffville. He was a harness maker. Minns' Harness Shop stood on the premises now occupied by the residence of Mr. Clay. Baker, and quite a few of our readers will recall the business carried on there.

Mrs. S. Morganson Lived Many Years at Goodwood

The passing of Mrs. Simeon Morganson in Toronto suddenly on Thursday last week, came as a great shock to old friends in the Goodwood and Claremont district where she was so well known. For many years before her marriage Mrs. Morganson whose maiden name was Gertrude Spenceley, was employed in the general store of Thos. Carey at Goodwood, where her affable manner made for her so many friends over the district.

Mrs. Morganson was born at Roseville in the northern part of Uxbridge township, being a daughter of the late Noah Spenceley. There were ten children in the family, and the survivors are two sisters, (Emma) Mrs. Lees of Toronto; (Allie) Mrs. Humphrey of Detroit; and four brothers, Russel Spenceley of Uxbridge, Fred of Richmond Hill, Edward of Mount Albert, and Gordon of Toronto.

After her marriage, Mrs. Morganson and her husband farmed on the Hakney place south of Goodwood, but years ago moved to Toronto. Besides Mr. Spenceley there survives an only son, John Austin (Bunny) Morganson who has been associated with the Evening Telegram as a sports writer.

The funeral from the late home at 99 Dixon avenue, Toronto, on Monday afternoon proceeded to Pine Hills cemetery for interment. Numerous relatives from Goodwood and Claremont were in attendance.

Band Committee to Set Up Trust Fund from Sale of Instruments in Storage

A deputation of Mrs. S.S. Ball and Mr. Del Jennings, representing the Stouffville Junior Band Committee, waited on the local council on Thursday evening, to ascertain the attitude of this municipal body towards disposing of the band instruments.

These instruments which include the larger pieces owned by the band, such as the base horns, and drums, are valued at between \$700 and \$800, and are in storage at present. It has been felt for some time that something should be done with the instruments which would deteriorate if left unused for any great period of time. The opinion of various band authorities in Toronto was ascertained and found to be the same.

Mrs. Ball stated that while the committee favoured disposing of the instruments, they wished to have the opinion of the council before proceeding.

Reeve Nolan stated that while the council had no jurisdiction in the matter he agreed with the committee that this was the most opportune time to dispose of the instruments, and that the money could be placed in trust, to provide a fund with which to start the band again when a leader could be had after the war. All members of council were present, and were of the same opinion.

These particular instruments are hard to procure at present, and it is thought that Toronto School Bands will pay quite a handsome sum to obtain them.

Stouffville Junior Band was forced to disband some time ago when it became impossible to get the services of a band leader.

Tractor and Plow Sold for \$885.00

Despite the difficult condition of the roads there was a splendid crowd at the auction sale on the Frank Breuls farm at Ringwood last Friday. There was no herd of cattle which adds so much to the total of sales these days, but the implements, swine, etc., sold well. Chunks of pigs brought \$8, while hay sold in the mow at \$14.50 a ton. 90c bushel was bid for wheat. The tractor on steel two years old together with the tractor plow brought \$885, the buyer being Jacob Grove. A cultipacker sold at \$149.

Mr. Bruels is giving up farming and intends to hold another sale shortly to dispose of stock and implements on another farm. A.S. Farmer, auctioneer, conducted the sale.

Commencement at High School in February

Despite the fact that Stouffville is faced with the lack of a hall in which to stage a concert of any kind, the local High School will hold their annual Commencement Exercises in the school the latter part of February.

About 250 people can be seated in the school under present conditions, and by staging the program on three evenings, it is hoped that all may be accommodated.

While the building of a stage, etc. will require considerable work, it was the wish of both the teachers and students that the Commencement not be dropped entirely.

Markham Boy Dies when Struck by Truck on 8th Con.

Harry James Lilly, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lilly of Mount Joy, Markham, was instantly killed on Tuesday evening by a truck while on the roadway on the 8th concession of Markham, at Mt. Joy about 6.40 in the evening.

Constable Ben. Gayman said the truck was driven by John Ferguson, farmer, who was not held. Coroner Dr. S. S. Ball of Stouffville, conducted an autopsy on the body and said that death was due to a brain hemorrhage.

LOSE DISTRICT TANKARD BY ONE SHOT

Stouffville curlers lost out in the District Tankard at Agincourt on Tuesday by just one shot. The two rinks representing the local club against Agincourt were: W. Birkett, H. Stouffer, O. Drewery, C. Piper (s); E. A. Button, Wm. Armstrong, W. Roadway, B. H. Bell (s). Agincourt club also won the annual competition last year.

On Friday evening of this week, a group of curlers from Ajax will visit the local club for friendly competition.

TRANSFERS TO TORONTO

Miss Byrl Brillinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brillinger, who has held a position in the Canadian Bank of Commerce here for several years, has been transferred to a Toronto branch.

Whitchurch Engages a Bulldozer to Open Roads

With township machinery unable to cope with the snow situation, Whitchurch council at its inaugural meeting agreed to hire a bulldozer to tackle the snow banks that are blocking traffic in various parts of the municipality. It was ordered to start in at the north-east corner.

Reeve George Leary presided over the gathering and Rev. P.R. Middle addressed the members admonishing them in their duties and responsibilities.

W.H. Smith was returned as a member of the Board of Health, Archie Colville and Ernest Davis, as school attendance officers and cemetery inspectors, and Elmer Starr will again be weed inspector. The road foremen and pound keepers will be the same as in 1944. All members were present besides the Reeve, being deputy Reeve Lorne Evans, Councillors Ed Logan, Les Harper, and the new member Ivan McLaughlin who is taking his place at the council for the first time.

MRS. S. F. OTTEWELL PASSES
Goodwood people and many other old friends in Uxbridge township learned with regret of the passing of Mrs. Samuel F. Ottewell at the late home, 6 Lowther avenue, Toronto, on January 10th. Entombment at Mount Pleasant Mausoleum until a later date when service will be held at the old home in Goodwood. Obituary notice later.

89 YEARS ON WEDNESDAY
One of our oldest and longest established women, Mrs. Maria Hoover, patient at the Brierbush hospital the past year, reached her 89th birthday on Wednesday this week. One of the pleasant experiences in connection with the affair was a call from her son Fred at Richmond Hill, who wired his congratulations by telephone.

SALE POSTPONED

Owing to extreme weather and blocked roads the public auction sale for John White at lot 15, con. 6, Pickering, has been postponed until Wednesday, January 31. There will be 15 additional fresh cows added to the sale all with calf at side, which adds to this big auction. Full list will be printed in this paper.

Look forward to the Skating Carnival in the Stouffville Arena on Wednesday next week. Proceeds in aid of the Comfort Fund.

LIONS CLUB PLANS ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Stouffville Lions Club are proceeding with plans for their annual carnival to be staged in the local arena on Wednesday, Jan. 31st.

There'll be one of those "side-splitting" broomball games between the Markham and Stouffville Lions, races and cash prizes for fancy dress, comic and children's costumes.

The net proceeds will go to further the Lions charity work.

BIRTHS

BAKER—To Lieut. and Mrs. Alan A. Baker, (nee Shirley Brown) on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1945, at Markham, the gift of a son, Alan Robert.
KLINCK—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on January 10, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Klinck—a daughter (stillborn).