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**SNOW HARVEST HELPS-EASE WATER SHORTAGE**

A record-breaking shortage of water has made snow number one item in the business of keeping house on many farms. Boilers and old milk cans are steaming on stoves day and night and family washes should be literally snowy white this winter. The water shortage has been steadily growing more acute in practically every suburban county. Farmers depending on shallow wells are finding the situation particularly serious. The snow is being used for washing, cooking and even drinking. Farmers have been drawing water for stock in a great many localities. The Reeves of Stouffville, Markham and Whitchurch townships were among the county representatives in consultation with Hon. Dana Porter at the parliament buildings on Friday in an effort to find a solution to the water problem through the damming of rivers, reforestation and soil conservation by contour plowing.

## Future of Agriculture to be Based on Nutrition Values

Ontario County Agricultural Representative Tells Lions Club at "Farmers' Night"

"Agriculture will be dealt with more on a nutrition basis as a result of the war," Fred Campbell, Agricultural representative for Ontario County told his audience at a regular meeting of the Stouffville Lions Club held at the High School on Monday evening, and at which each member had as his guest a local farmer.

"We must protect our soil, and in so doing protect the feeding of the nation," Mr. Campbell said. "Malnutrition must be avoided by keeping a balance in its productive elements," he continued.

Mr. Campbell centred his remarks around soil conservation, and gave some interesting facts as revealed by recent surveys in the United States.

It was revealed that there are four billion acres of arable land in the world to support two billion people.

Fifty million acres of once fertile land across the line, has now been abandoned. Fifty million acres are giving only a minimum of productivity, and another one hundred million acres have had good top soil removed through cultivation.

"Even in our own locality," Mr. Campbell said, "a friend told me the other day that travelling the concession lines here forty-seven years ago, there was a light to be seen on every lot, but now much of this land is not supporting families anymore."

More people than ever before are thinking about planting trees, which is one of the best ways to conserve the moisture and the "goodness" in soil.

Continuing he declared that a survey showed that the spring grain crops in Ontario County were not so good, and that one of the main reasons was the high nitrogen content of the soil of many farms and an equally high lack of potash and phosphate. Nitrogen produces growth, but the other two ingredients give grain its strength and ability to fill properly.

Mr. Campbell strongly advised the use of manure along with commercial fertilizers, if as he put it, "one wished to give back to the land what was being taken out in the milk pail."

Mr. Campbell was introduced by Lion Lloyd Turner, who along with Lion Edw. Logan were in charge of the evening.

Mr. Wm. Reesor, former reeve of Pickering Township, and Warden of Ontario County, was called on for a few words by his host, Mr. F. L. Button. Mr. Reesor brought greetings from the county to the east, and stated that he heartily endorsed the work of such service clubs as the Lions, and that he felt such work would become a more potent force in the postwar years.

### BIRTHS

GALL—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, Feb. 12th, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gall, (nee Margaret Wilson) Claremont, the gift of a son.

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Winn wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Gertrude Lydia to G. Charles Kerswill, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kerswill. The marriage will take place the third of March.

## Late Albert Smith Remembered for His Pleasing Personality

Albert E. Smith died rather suddenly at his home on Main street, Stouffville, on Thursday following a short but serious illness. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and daughter Miss Audrey had moved to town less than a year ago, buying the property belonging to John Phillips, opposite the Sandy Jones place at the foot of the school hill.

The funeral on Monday afternoon from the late home proceeded to the Stouffville cemetery. Rev. D. Davis of the United Church conducted the service, and the following friends were pall bearers: Harry Paisley, Herbert Jarvis, Roy Carter, Delmar Kidd, Wm. Travis, Jess Harrison (Mt. Albert).

The floral gifts were particularly beautiful from friends, relatives and the family. Albert Smith possessed a pleasant personality; was very friendly, and made many friends because of his genial nature.

He was born in Erin Township at Bellefontaine 68 years ago, a son of a farmer. In 1909 at Parry Sound he united in marriage with Clara Ferguson of Cheltenham near Brampton, and after a few years the couple settled at Mt. Albert, where Mr. Smith was in charge of a fishing preserve and hatchery, but ten years ago he rented the Forsyth farm, on the 9th of Whitchurch at Musselman's Lake. Since being in Stouffville Mr. Smith was employed at Ajax, and was working only a short time before his death.

Besides his wife and Miss Audrey who is working in Toronto, one sister, Mrs. Marie Mashier, and two brothers Wilbert and Earl survive. The first mentioned brother living in Saskatchewan, with his wife arrived on Monday morning for the funeral, Mrs. Wilbert and Mrs. Albert Smith are sisters, and the two brothers having married two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the residence of the Rev. DeCourcy H. Rayner, B.A., assistant command chaplain R.C.A.F. district No. 1, Trenton, Ont. was the special guest preacher at St. James church last Sunday afternoon.

## Council Moves for Parking Bylaw

The question of passing a parking bylaw in Stouffville was introduced at a special council meeting last Thursday evening, and after considerable discussion it was decided to have the solicitor draft such a bylaw designed to regulate the hours for parking on the streets.

There is no thought of penalizing persons for leaving their cars on the streets during this unusual snow situation, the reeve said, but reasonable precaution must be taken that by so doing the safety

of other motorists is not imperilled. Councillor E.A. Button said he thought such a by-law would be all right, and he had heard numerous people asking for it. Councillor Hugh Boyd and Councillor John Smits also spoke favourably for the bylaw, which will, when drafted, come before the members again, and the length of time will then be determined in which cars may be left on the street.

Such a bylaw will not come into effect until approved by the Ontario Department of Highways.

## School Building Insurance is Advanced to \$100,000

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Monday evening the insurance on the big school building on Main St. east was increased from \$58,000 to \$100,000. The new policies covering this amount will be placed under co-insurance, at a much lower premium rate than under the present single policy plan.

Mr. Don Chadwick brought in a full report on the insurance set up. He told the Board that replacement value on the building given by a competent architect was \$9,500 per room plus replacement of contents would run around \$170,000 under present day costs. If the policies were written under the co-insurance plan the grand premium would be only \$22 per year more than that being paid for the \$58,000 now in force.

Members all approved the report and voted for Mr. Chadwick's resolution to reinsure under the co-insurance plan.

Reeve Nolan reported to the Board that Markham village and Township had approached him respecting a resident school nurse of which Stouffville's share would be approximately \$400 per year. The reeve said he was requested to make this report, but in view of baby bonus next July and the fact that Markham Township was not contemplating action at this time, no action was urged at the moment.

Dr. Freeland said it might be a good thing, and he would be glad to cooperate as M.O.H. but that it might be well to mark time until contemplated legislation at Queen's Park be learned. He said toxoiding was being steadily advanced, and that school children were being done.

Chief Director of hand craft, Mr. J. G. Althouse, in a letter urged the Board to consider this phase of school work, wherein students would make articles aside from school projects.

Chairman Thompson presided at the meeting, and members present were Messrs. F. Riches, Ira Aldred, J. W. McMullen, A. E. Booth, Don Chadwick, Dr. Freeland, Lloyd Turner and Dawson Hare.

### BARN ROOF CAVED IN

The entire south side of the barn roof on the Lou Hoover farm at Atha a few miles south-east of town caved in this week under the great burden of snow. At the same time the south wall gave way, so that the problem of replacement is a much bigger job.

Neighbors have held two bees and men have worked hard and fast in an effort to restore the building before rain or snow gets in to damage the contents.

The structure is about 100 feet long, but the boards were being "denailed" and made ready to go back in place when new shingles will probably be used.

## T. J. Feren Dies in 88th Year

One of the oldest men in Uxbridge township and in Goodwood passed away in that village on February 12th, when T. J. Feren succumbed to an illness of some three weeks, during which time he was a bed patient.

The aged man came to this part of Ontario from Gravenhurst a good many years ago, settled near Stouffville on the McMullen farm in Markham, and finally farmed north of Goodwood until a few years ago when he and his wife retired in the village there.

His wife who survives him together with one daughter Marie, who recently attended High School at Stouffville was the former Amelia Greenbury, member of a pioneer Stouffville family. W. Greenbury of Stouffville is her nephew.

Funeral was on Wednesday afternoon from the late home in Goodwood to Goodwood cemetery for interment.

## Markham Farmer Found Dead in Stable by Trucker

William A. Boynton, life-long farmer of Markham Township was found dead in the stable on his 100 acre farm on No. 7 Highway about 1 1/2 miles east of Unionville last Thursday when the milk driver from Markham village, Morley Taylor, was making his daily call for the milk cans about 11 o'clock in the morning.

The 75-year-old farmer was lying behind the cows against the wall in a seemingly comfortable position, where he had apparently slumped when a weak spell came over him.

Coroner Dr. S. S. Ball of Stouffville pronounced death due to natural causes.

Mr. and Mrs. Boynton moved to their present farm 24 years ago, but owing to ill health Mrs. Boynton had to give up some time ago and was living with a son Harold in Markham. Mr. Boynton had been carrying on alone, doing his housework and farm work too without help this winter. The family had repeatedly urged him to retire, but he preferred to carry on and to "die in the harness" as it proved.

Taylor Bros. of Markham lifted the milk every morning at this farm and it was the custom for Morley Taylor to look in at the barn just to make sure Mr. Boynton was all right, in case the elderly man was not seen outside. Thursday morning Morley opened the stable doors, and there saw the lifeless form of the farmer as in a sleep. He had done the milking, and chores before he was overcome with a fatal seizure. He lay on his back just behind the cows, but had no marks on his body, and evidence indicated that he had slumped down, avoiding a heavy fall, and there died. A sum of money over \$70 was in his pocket, which was further evidence of no foul play.

The late Mr. Boynton's wife was

### LOOK TO YOUR SIDEWALK

Toronto authorities are appealing to householders to use ashes on icy sidewalks, to make the going more safe. One hundred and ten people broke bones on city streets in one week. Locally, householders would confer a favor by sprinkling ashes on icy spots where the walks have become dangerous to pedestrians.

### Peachs and Vivian Leading Hockey League

Vivian moved into a first place tie with Peachs on Monday evening by virtue of their 6-4 win over Bethesda, in the Community Hockey League. Considerable interest is being aroused in these games, and there was a big crowd on hand at the first double-header this week. In the second half of the twin bill, Dickson's Hill took a 13-12 decision over Ringwood in overtime.

This Thursday night, 6th Line will meet Bethesda and Peachs will line up against Dickson's Hill.

### How They Stand

	P	W	L	Pts
Peachs	3	2	1	4
Vivian	3	2	1	4
Ringwood	3	1	2	2
Dickson's Hill	3	1	2	2
Bethesda	2	1	1	2
6th Line	2	1	1	2

the former Edith Percy, they being married some 50 years ago. Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Harold in Markham village, and William living north of Uxbridge, also one daughter Mrs. Myrtle Davidson of Toronto.

Mr. Boynton was an adherent of the Presbyterian church, and was laid to rest in Markham cemetery on Sunday afternoon, his pastor, Rev. T. D. Rayner conducting the service.

## Crash at Goodwood Shoved 27-Ton Freight Car Off the Rails Witnesses Testify

### Lights Shone Under The Freight Driver Declared

Charged on two separate counts, first of driving a motor vehicle in a manner dangerous to the public, and secondly of having liquor in a place contrary to the Act in that behalf, Bert Pollard of Stouffville appeared in court at Uxbridge on Thursday to answer both charges. The case arose over the fatal crash on Jan. 21 when Miss Luella Page of Stouffville, and Mr. Pollard were driving home from Uxbridge.

On the first count the case was adjourned one week to Thursday of this week, on the ground that Pollard wished to call a witness to verify that his speed was not excessive. On the second count the evidence was completed, and judgment reserved until today.

Mr. Pollard had no counsel, and no witnesses. Crown Attorney Annis acted as crown prosecutor, and the case was heard by Magistrate Ebbs of Oshawa, the case originating from Goodwood in Ontario county.

Dr. Ball was the first witness. Said he knew Miss Page who lost her life as a result of the accident, when Pollard's car crashed over the main street crossing in Goodwood on Jan. 21, just after 12 midnight.

When the doctor reached the scene he said the girl had been removed to Watson's store nearby. She was unconscious and was bleeding severely, and suffered from shock and skull fracture. Pollard told him he was riding in the car with her when they struck the freight. He attended to Pollard's injuries after the girl. It was my duty, he said, to smell his breath. It gave an alcoholic odor. He didn't examine him further as to the effect of drinking. He saw constable John Rae, and identified a bottle taken from Pollard's car. There was evidence of and froth in the bottle. To the magistrate he said the night was clear and cold.

Constable Keast of the provincial Dept. submitted photographs of the scene and the wrecked car, a tangled mess. It was a Durant 1929 sedan. One picture showed the broken wheel on the freight car.

In charge of the train was Walter H. Black, conductor, and the next witness. He reported that he was travelling from Peterboro to Toronto. The night was clear and cold. He gave the signal to stop, and was in the act of going to the crossing to cut the train over the street to clear any traffic. In less than two minutes the crash occurred. He couldn't swear to the speed of the motor-car but said it must have been travelling very fast. The box car weighing with its load of freight 27 or 28 tons was knocked off the track, and a flange broken off one wheel. Returned to the stand the conductor swore that the whistle blew in the customary way, he thought at the whistle sign coming into Goodwood.

Mr. J.M. Rae, county constable, reached the scene within five minutes after the crash. There were no skids marks that he could find, but the motor car made a slight swerve just before the impact. The road was covered with packed snow and sanded. Pollard told the constable he was within ten feet of the train when he first saw it. His breath smelled of alcohol, the constable said.

He found one beer bottle in the car in the rear seat. Pollard, he said, knew the road, as he had seen him through Goodwood on various occasions. He told of picking up a broken flange of the wheel, which was produced in court. The trucks under the freight were driven off the track from the force of the impact.

Constable Rae told the magistrate under the cross examination that the railway sign approximately 300 feet away was clearly visible above the snow bank. There were no lights at the crossing, and no lights on the streets of Goodwood.

Provincial Officer Sutherland said the crossing was a clear one and the road had a plowed surface of 18 feet. Bert Pollard was then called, and said he had no counsel, and asked for a remand on the advice of the magistrate that he would be entitled to a remand if he asked for it. He suggested that he could bring one witness to say he was not speeding, to which Mr. Annis said that "the fact you knocked a 28 ton car off the tracks is something to think about."

Pollard then told the court he was travelling from Uxbridge to Stouffville. His headlights shone under the train and he wasn't driving fast, but couldn't say the speed. When he approached the

### HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Clerk and Treasurer of Whitchurch Township, John Crawford was able to leave the hospital at Newmarket on Monday for his home on the 3rd concession west of Vandorf. Mr. Crawford is expected to make a good recovery from his burns received when his car went into flames.

The Township Council will hold its regular meeting this Saturday February 17th, postponed owing to the illness of Mr. Crawford.

## Death Accidental Verdict at Inquest

That Harry Lilley came to his death on the 8th concession of Markham on January 16th, as a result of an accident when he was struck by a motor car driven by John Ferguson, that death came accidentally and no blame was attached to the driver of the motor vehicle, was the verdict brought in by the jury at the inquest conducted by Coroner Dr. S. S. Ball of Stouffville, at Markham, on Thursday night.

John Ferguson stated that he slammed on his brakes immediately when he saw the boy, and swerved to avoid the collision, but the truck struck him. "I was going about eighteen miles an hour," he said.

Constable Ben Gayman who investigated the accident stated that the body was found 240 feet north of the last street light in Mt. Joy. He also told the court that the truck driven by Ferguson had been thoroughly examined, and that the lights, windshield, and brakes were okay. He said that from marks made by the truck when Ferguson backed up, he estimated that the vehicle had travelled approximately thirty-five feet after the impact.

Dr. Houghton of Markham who conducted the post-mortem, and William Lilley, father of the deceased were the other two witnesses called to the stand.

top of the track he saw the train wheels and swerved to the south, thus Miss Page received the greater part of the impact, he believed. To Mr. Annis under cross examination, Pollard said he had been in Uxbridge. "I had four shots of whiskey about 4 o'clock that day!" Shots meant drinks, he said to the magistrate. The empty beer bottle was produced; but the witness swore he never had any beer, and had put the empty bottle in the car because he expected to have to syphon gas for a faulty engine. "Beer and gasoline won't mix," commented the Crown Attorney.

"I suggest that froth doesn't last very long," said Mr. Annis.

"Not very long," said the witness.

Pollard said that in Uxbridge he went to the restaurant to talk about a car deal from 7 until 12 o'clock or thereabout.

Mr. Annis: "That doesn't sound like a very interesting evening for the young lady."

Pollard said he knew the road very well, then to the magistrate he said he suffered a cut forehead, chest injury, and bruised knees. He just got the car that day.

Magistrate Ebbs: "Are you a married man?"

Witness: "Yes."

Magistrate: "Living with your wife?"

Witness: "No."

He accented to the magistrate's remark that Miss Page was the housekeeper and a friend.

Recalled to the stand Conductor Black definitely declared the whistle blew, and Pollard recalled said he did not hear any whistle.

Liquor in Illegal Place

On the second charge of having liquor in an illegal place Constable Rae told of finding the bottle with some beer in it as later proved by government analysis, also froth in the bottle which he said soon disappeared when the bottle was taken inside a building.

Pollard then retold having just thrown the bottle in from a case before leaving Stouffville because of some trouble with the vacuum pump.

"You say you took the bottle from a case at your home. Do you generally have a full case?"

"Generally empty," said Mr. Pollard.

Magistrate Ebbs said the evidence was all in, and judgment would be reserved on this count for one week.

Mrs. Clayt Baker is still confined to her room with a long and severe illness from pleurisy, friends regret to learn.