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Daily Enquiries for Homes in Stouffville Disappointing to Many City Folks

On Tuesday morning, Mr. R. W. Cherry, replacement officer for the Department of Public Welfare, with offices at 75 Church street, Toronto, called on this newspaper expecting to secure the location of a number of houses that would be available for new tenants. Mr. Cherry declared that a resident of Toronto informed him that he read in the Stouffville Tribune how there were quite a number of homes unoccupied in the vicinity of this town. Naturally, he lost no time in looking up the supposed places, but unfortunately this paper never published any such information simply because as every one knows, the case is just the reverse to that which our visitor expected to find.

The fact of the case is that there are callers at the office of this paper daily seeking to buy or rent homes in Stouffville. Only the day Mr. Cherry called, a member of a prominent rubber manufacturing company was in town and informed us that he is in the market to buy one of the larger homes in Stouffville. If such a purchase can be made, the rubber executive intends to locate here, since he much prefers to live in the country than in the city. Usually prospective buyers seek small homes, but in this case there is a desire to own one of the more spacious residences of Stouffville.

PORCUPINE DESPATCHED SUNDAY MORNING

Wild animals are so scarce in this locality that even a small snake will cause a lot of people some consternation. However, there was a little diversity on Sunday morning last when Mr. Anthony Featherstone of Atha spied a huge porcupine perched up in a tree on his premises. For being seen Mr. Porcupine paid with his life at the crack of the farmer's gun. It proved a real plump animal, one that would be considered a whopper in the porcupine world. However, the quills or bristly hairs were soft, and not of the stiff nature the collie dog finds them to be, indicating that the animal was not frightened at the time its life was taken so suddenly.

THE NEW PRESIDENT



The tragic death of President Roosevelt brings into the limelight a successor in Harry Truman, now President of the United States. Here is a most recent picture of the President.

No Decision in Drainage Action

Judgment which was to have been rendered on Tuesday this week in the Markham Township drainage case brought by the municipality against the Quinlan Bros. south of Mongolla in the 9th concession, has been reserved for one week by Magistrate Martin in county court. The farmer is charged with blocking what the township fathers contend is the natural water course.

"I Shall Not Fear Death -- I Shall Not Love Money" -- Chinese Socialist Youth

"I shall not fear death, I shall not love money," is the doctrine of Chinese youth who join the so-called Communist movement in that country. Major Richard Brown, medical missionary and expert on Chinese affairs told a large audience in the Stouffville United Church on Sunday morning.

These young people who by the thousands came to the northern part of the country where the socialist work has been most intense, are dedicated to the service of China, and are preparing themselves for the day when China will be free, both from the Japanese and from dictatorship.

Major Brown was educated in Germany, had spent some years in Moscow, and in England, and served as a medical man during the bombings of Chungking and London. His wife and family were prisoners of the Japs on the Philippines and are now enroute to Canada.

When Major Brown's hospital was taken by the Japs, he retreated northward with the Chinese guerilla fighters and was invited by the Red leader to work in the communist area.

"I arrived at my new post about Easter time, and was urged to conduct a service on Easter Sunday. I declined the use of the Catholic mission there, but went to the neighboring mountain to hold service. About eight thousand of these Chinese young people turned out and listened to me speak for over two hours. You're not considered very good, you know, if you don't speak for at least two hours in China," he said.

"These people do not call themselves Communists, but rather socialists, but a section of the press in China and in America call them such, whenever they get into trouble," he continued.

He stated that while China was really under a rigid dictatorship, it was the only form of government that could carry on in this country of 450 million people. He said that in no sense of the word could it be classed as a democracy, as there were no elected representatives of the people, but on the other hand they were fortunate in having a man of the calibre of the Generalissimo at the head of the state.

"I have recently been in London and New York, and was disappointed at the attitude of some of those in authority in respect to China," said the Doctor. "Some speak of China as a military ally, others as

a great potential market for post-war exploitation, rather than as a country of 450 million souls to be won for Christ."

Major Brown centred his remarks regarding our relationship to China around the story of the Good Samaritan, and the commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

"Deeds not creeds," was the motto under which the patients were taken into Major Brown's hospital at Honan. There was no preaching in the hospital, he stated.

"A man might come to us for medical aid who was a Buddhist, who lived his beliefs in a way that would put many Christians in this country to shame. Should this man be turned away just because he was not a Christian, or would it be fair if we should try to shove a new religion onto this man when he was sick? "Few people realize the struggle which goes on in the mind of a Chinese before he can accept the Christian way, and give up his old beliefs. Much more of a struggle than many Christians experience in this country, who think all that is necessary for them is to join the church, and give their financial support."

Dr. Brown worked a great deal with the Chinese guerilla troops. It required great courage on the part of these farmers to carry out a scorched earth policy and burn their homes, homes that had been their ancestral residences for years.

"A prominent magistrate in the Communist area gave me three reasons why this new socialistic movement is better for China than Christianity. They accuse the church of hypocrisy, of a lack of discipline and a lack of finality. You have preached here for two thousand years, and where have you got to, he said.

The Chinese say they can defeat the Japanese, if it takes fifty years, but they are more afraid of the American dollar and the pound sterling. They say they cannot bind future generations to pay the capitalistic nations vast war debts when they have already given millions in lives under the urging of the same nations, and this standpoint is understandable, Dr. Brown said.

"These are three philosophies of life," he concluded, "might is right, indifference, and the love thy neighbor attitude."

"International brotherhood, may be the hardest commandment to carry out, but it is indispensable to international peace."

TOWNSHIP CLERK ILL

Township Clerk John Crawford who is steadily recovering from a shocking accident in which he was severely burned last winter, has contracted a septic throat condition, and was unable to be in his accustomed place at Whitchurch council meeting in Vandonr on Saturday. Councillor L. J. Harper took the minutes and read the correspondence because of the clerk's absence.

SILOAM FARMER PASSES SUDDENLY

Frank Beach died rather suddenly at his home, at Siloam in Uxbridge township on Monday evening following a couple of weeks illness from heart trouble which was thought to be only an attack of the flu at first. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon from the late home to Prince Albert cemetery.

Only last October Mrs. Beach died, and there survives now two sons, Douglas and Bruce, on the home place at Siloam, and one daughter Mrs. Cecil Kett of Uptergrove. Four brothers living are Messrs. William, Oliver, Warren and Walter Beach, and one sister Mrs. Wilfred Lazenby of Stouffville.

TEAM RUNS AWAY WITH SEED DRILL

John Thompson of Goodwood, narrowly escaped serious injury on Monday when a team of horses driven by his son Finlay on the Thompson farm east of Goodwood on the highway at the 4th concession ran away.

The elder man was standing in the field with his back to the team which knocked him over and it is believed the drill passed over him. Fortunately no bones were broken and Mr. Thompson suffered only superficial bumps and bruises.

F. L. Button, K.C. Heads Lawn Bowlers

The Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club held its annual meeting on Monday evening, and set the first tournament date for Wednesday, June 13, for the Stouffville Old Boys' Trophy. Officers elected were: President—F. L. Button, K.C. Vice-Pres.—Robert Johnston. Sec.—Treasurer—Thos. B. Rae. Membership—Jas. Ratcliff, F. L. Button. Grounds—J. B. Sanders, W. R. Sanders. Games—J. B. Sanders, A. H. Williams, Wm. Burkett.

ONTARIO RIDING LIBERALS PLAN MASS MEETING

On Wednesday next week, as announced in a Liberal display space in this issue the Liberals of Ontario riding will choose candidates for both federal and provincial contests at a mass meeting in Whitby at 8 p.m. The annual election of officers will take place at this time and prominent speakers will be present to discuss the issues of the day.

WILL BUILD HOUSE ON TENTH STREET

Mr. Percy Hewlett on Wednesday made the purchase of two acres of land on the 10th concession with in the corporation and owned by Lud Hoover who still holds five acres additional. Mr. Hewlett's land parallels J. W. McMullen's farm, and it is intended to erect a bungalow on the place and modern chicken houses for the work of Vernadene Poultry Farm.

Wounded in France Back Home Again

Just arrived from overseas, Horace Cook, who lived with Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Morton when they first commenced to farm on the 9th concession north of town in 1929, is back in Canada. He is expected to be in town in a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morton, and in the meantime is in Huntsville.

Pte. Cook has been attached to the Provost Corps, although he enlisted in Prince Edward County regiment. He was wounded at the battle of Normandy and found himself in a hospital where Lieut. Margaret Ball of Stouffville was on the staff.



John Leslie, a candidate for East York, which takes in Markham and Stouffville.

Whitchurch Farmers to Cut Their Own Roadside Weeds and be Awarded Prizes

When the problem of labor for weed cutting was broached at Whitchurch Township Council meeting on Saturday, Deputy-Reeve L. P. Evans suggested that the farmers be encouraged to cut roadside weeds opposite their respective properties by offering prizes for the best kept fronts in the municipality during the year 1945. "I am willing to spend at least \$100 in prizes, believing the municipality would reap many times its benefit," he said, "for weeds have not been cut for three years because men could not be engaged to do the work."

Road Supt. Henry Widdifield voiced the opinion that the idea was good, and Reeve Geo. Leary also approved if details of judging could be satisfactorily worked out. Councillor Ivan McLaughlin said the scheme had some good features and some not so good. Councillor Ed. Logan approved with some reservation, doubting if many farmers would enter the competition, while Councillor Les. Harper said, "it was certainly worth a try if you can get the farmers interested." The deputy reeve is to bring in a more concrete proposal next meeting in the manner in which awards could be made. Various schemes were advanced during the discussion, such as prizes for different width frontages, also prizes for best frontage maintained on each concession line.

Deputy Reeve Evans and Councillor Logan sponsored a resolution to offer a reward of \$25 for information leading to the conviction of any person found dumping rubbish on a township road allowance, and the clerk was instructed to insert notices to this effect in local newspapers.

The auditor's report was received and adopted after considerable discussion, mainly on the large amount of unpaid taxes, totalling \$32,000 at the end of 1944. Since that time however, several thousand dollars has been received against 1944 taxes, but the outstanding total is still much greater than a neighboring township shows with twice the assessment as Whitchurch. The clerk was given instructions to hold a tax sale this year, and clean up the situation.

The Storms Contracting Co. offered to rent a D. 8 Caterpillar tractor and bulldozer, with everything supplied at \$10 per hour, for special work in the township. A scraper with a capacity of 16 yards is \$4 per hour additional, and all would be plus transportation charges from the plant at Leaside. This outfit is now working in the township making a new road on the 6th concession between the Vandonr sideroad and the Ballantrae road, also a similar length north of the Ballantrae road on the 7th. There is more agitation this year for dust layer or a road oil of a more permanent nature, but no action was taken although some thought was given the matter. The principal of building up a good road only to let it blow away injuring crops in the process is gradually dawning on the ratepayer as a poor way to continue.

WET WEATHER "CANNED" THE CAN DAY!

Tin can collection set for Monday and Tuesday this week was delayed owing to wet weather, and cans started to roll around the streets before Morley Brown could get them in his truck. However, he is getting the situation well in hand. Nearly every householder seized the opportunity to rid their premises of old tins and rubbish.

Church Services Announced for Victory Day

The committee in charge of V. Day program in Stouffville has decided on morning services of thanksgiving being held in each of the local churches at 10 o'clock and which will probably be addressed by the respective pastors of the different congregations in town.

Since all ministers are on the committee and agreed and approved the idea, it is expected to be carried out. In fact it has already been announced from some of the pulpits.

However, there is likelihood of a park mass meeting in the afternoon as well, when a broadcasting outfit for the occasion will be available and which will lead in the singing of hymns of praise. Nothing definite on this program is available, excepting that the proposal is being seriously considered by the committee.

Big Scrap Collection is Underway

The big salvage campaign of the Stouffville Lions Club got underway on Monday of this week with the collection in town from door to door. It will be the latter part of the week before the truck will be finished with the town and able to branch out to the farms.

Calls are still coming in requesting the truck to be sure and call, and farmers are urged to step to the phone and call 15301, 904 or 4501 in order to make less travel for the truck.

The response has been splendid up-to-date, the committee reports. Villages, such as Goodwood, Claremont and Gormley will have door to door dates of collection to be announced.

We are asked to state that no more bottles will be collected the sale for such salvage having been discontinued.

80-Yr.-Old Bachelor Thos. Dunkeld Dead

Eighty years a resident of Pickering township since he was born in the neighborhood where he died on Monday of this week, William Andrew Dunkeld, was laid to rest in St. John's cemetery, 7th concession of Pickering on Wednesday afternoon following a period of declining ill health.

The late Mr. Dunkeld was a bachelor, and was a son of the late Thos. Dunkeld who migrated from Scotland about the middle of the last century. The family were thorough farmers, and members of the old kirk, William having been a member of St. James' Presbyterian church in Stouffville for many years. When his health permitted he was a quite regular attendant. He is the last of a family of six.

For nearly 20 years deceased made his home with his nephew Murray Dunkeld at Atha and from here the funeral took place. Rev. T. D. Rayner and Rev. Gibson Brown conducted the service, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Elias and Joe Lehman, Joe Byer, Alex. Kirton, Albert Draper, John Scott.

Unity of Races Discussed Informally

A rather unique gathering assembled at the home of Mr. Jos. Borinsky on Monday evening, the high ideals of which were to promote plans for the greater unity of peoples and races. Some three carloads of people from Toronto gathered with local teachers and business men to join in an informal talk on this vital matter of unity of the nations or the races. Mr. Borinsky is to be commended for opening his home for such a purpose, for we hear from those in attendance that the discussion was most interesting and helpful, and the entertainment by the host and his wife was a nice climax to the affair.

Business Block Changes Ownership

The business premises west of the Mansion House owned by Mr. Herb. Ferrier and tenanted by Geo. E. Baker, manufacturing chemist, was sold this week to Mr. J. H. Heise who recently disposed of the Stouffville Groceria. At time of going to press Mr. Heise could not be contacted and we are unable to give any information as to what the new owner intends to do with the premises which includes the store and dwelling quarters above.

HAS BEEN ILL



Postmaster General W. P. Mulock who has been critically ill with pneumonia, according to daily newspaper reports, is causing some worry in the Liberal party as to whether he will be able to stand the rigors of the coming federal campaign as candidate in North York.

OVERSEAS



Pte. Bob Dawson, now overseas, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dawson, 8th con. of Pickering. He spent a period in Newfoundland before crossing the ocean.

Lemonville Lady 90 Years Old

Mrs. Chas. Wells of Lemonville, celebrated her 90th birthday last Friday at the home of her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wells with whom she lives. Friday, the 13th, holds no terrors for this amiable old lady who was born in England and spent her first birthday at sea as her parents voyaged to Canada to make their new home is what was a veritable wilderness. Mrs. Wells is real smart, possesses good hearing and reads with keen interest.

The birthday party was eventful in more ways than one, for among the guests were three other ladies, all but one at least over eighty years, Mrs. Henry Talbot, Mrs. Robt. Winterstein and Mrs. Crawford Macklem who is 88. They are all remarkable women, and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

The Wells family settled in King Township and some 60 years ago on her marriage, Mrs. Wells settled in the Township of Whitchurch where the honored guest of the day had lived ever since. She has been a widow for some years. Her only daughter is Mrs. W. Lundy living on the 3rd concession of Whitchurch, and her three sons are Elmer, at Lemonville, Herbert in Toronto and a former councillor in Whitchurch, also Alfred Wells of Uxbridge. Mrs. Wells' maiden name was Ann Jane Ransom. The scores of friends extended their congratulations to Mrs. Wells attaining the status of a momegenarian, one 90 years or over.

Brick Store at Altona Sold

The large brick store at Altona, known as the Monkhouse property, was sold by the recent owner R. Tindall to Fletcher Goudie of Stouffville, who intends to occupy the place now vacant for five years. Mr. Goudie will use the store premises for goods required in his plumbing work.

The property was built, solid brick, back in 1868 by Thos. Monkhouse. There was a building spree on at the time, old timers tell us, for the same year the store was built the Altona Christian Church was erected and two years later the Altona store hotel came into being, a property now owned by O. M. Madill, merchant. It was to be said that salvation (the church) and damnation (the hotel) came to Altona all within two years. Well, the old hotel was appreciated by the travelling public for more reasons than just the bar room.

OLD BOY RETURNS ON VISIT FROM THE WEST

Ross Anderson of Filmore, Sask., is visiting his home folks in Uxbridge and brother Hugh in Stouffville. It is 17 years since he was last here, and since that time has become a large land holder in Western Canada, owning some 1700 acres in the Regina district.

Uxbridge Farm Sold

Frank Bruels, formerly of Ringwood is doing a bit of real estate selling and recently sold the Clarence Jones 150 acre farm at Lot 11, Con. 3, Uxbridge, to a Mr. Bloomer of Toronto. The property is said to have a splendid barn. Mr. Jones will hold a public auction on Thursday, April 26.