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## OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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Notwithstanding the headlines of news in this nation's capital where leaders of the Government, including Ministers of the Cabinet, have not been able to take a real holiday this summer due to preoccupation with official business at a time when most people have been having vacations, yet it must be reported that the "big story" of the moment backstage on Parliament Hill now is the effort to provide "full measure of employment" for the masses. A hint of this has already been dropped in Ottawa by one leader when he claimed that returning men were glad to get gratuities, credit, etc., but "these men want a chance to earn a living by the sweat of their brows and the toil of their hands," with the only solution for Canadian problems being employment and the greatest stimulant of employment being trade with other countries. In fact, in answer to demands for a flow of immigration into the vast open and empty spaces of Canada in the present postwar era, the ready reply heard in this capital is that before immigration can even be started, employment must be found first for the returning men and women of the armed services and second for workers displaced from war industries.

In short, "full employment" seems to be in the mind of leaders on Parliament Hill at this time to a most surprising extent as ways and means are being sought to assure that private industry as well as the government may be enabled to provide a high level of employment in the immediate period ahead. Moreover, it will not be an easy, nor simple task, in the opinions of many, since the people have become accustomed in the war years to a rather higher standard of living in instances so that it will not be possible to create a sort of "artificial" continuation of "full employment," and by far the most talked about subject on Parliament Hill at this time, though it may not appear to be to the average man or woman reading or hearing the news from the capital, with its importance as a problem growing by the hour.

A sharp reminder of the role which Canada's air force will play in the Pacific war, was given by conferences held in Ottawa between Air Marshal Sir Hugh Pugh Lloyd, Commander of the British Air Forces in the Pacific, and Air Minister Colin Gibson, as well as the Canadian Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Robert Leckie, with these important meetings taking place prior to the departure of the British Commander for this theatre of war operations where the Royal Canadian Air Force will serve under his command.

It is intimated in Ottawa that Canada may have before long an official residence for its Prime Minister just as the famous No. 10 Downing Street in London serves as the official residence of the British Prime Minister, with the move in this direction being the legal expropriation proceedings initiated for a large sized property owned by a former Member of Canada's Parliament, Gordon C. Edwards, and located in an old section of this nation's capital. An offer of \$125,000 has been made for this old residence near the Ottawa River.

The defeat of Prime Minister Mackenzie King in the last general election has been a topic of much whispering in Ottawa in regard to his future plans and their significance, especially in suggestions that the Prime Minister may not enter into certain negotiations or plans before he had gained a seat for himself in the new Parliament, nor that he would visit President Truman before this event had occurred. However, well-informed quarters on Parliament Hill hold that the Prime Minister himself is extremely optimistic that he will be in his seat in the House of Commons in the coming session of the 20th Parliament, judging by present reports of his chances.

Starting in the present month, a ten per cent increase in the allocation of newsprint for Canadian consumption will be allowed and this may relieve the headaches of newspaper publishers to some extent. At least, it is the beginning of a betterment for the publishers, though outside sources are said to be seeking Canadian newsprint almost as fast as it may be increased in production, with one such instance having been indicated in the arrival in Ottawa of the Government Printer for the Union of South Africa, Col. J. J. Kruger. Accompanied by R. S. Baker and C. Pearce, Col. Kruger came to Ottawa in order to get newsprint from Canada, and it is hinted that he has been promised that more will be provided. However, another report has shown that such shipments to Canada to European publishers may be curbed and Scandinavian newsprint may be sent to provide the European needs in this respect.

Amidst tremendous applause, a (continued on page two)

## Town Council Petitions Government to Share in Our Road Costs

The town of Goderich will be supported by the village of Stouffville in their petition to be placed before the Ontario Dept. of Highways, asking for financial aid in building roads in towns and villages. The petition points out that townships receive 50% of all expenditures made on their roads, whether for new construction, gravel, oil, or grading, and that towns and villages receive no aid whatever.

"I have contended for some time that towns and villages seem to be discriminated against," said the reeve in asking the council on Thursday night to join the petitioners which will ultimately run into the hundreds.

Councillor Jack Smits, said he was surprised to learn that towns and villages received no help, while townships are so liberally treated, and would gladly support any move to bring the matter before the authorities at Queen's Park. Councillor Ross Brown moved the resolution seconded by Councillor Smith.

The petition calls for a grant of 50 per cent on road expenditures in villages and towns where a county road enters, and where no county road enters the grant recommended is larger.

In presenting the petition there is no thought of asking the Dept. to pay any portion of curbs or gutters, but just a share of the actual road surface. Townships receive 50 per cent on ditching, weed cutting, etc.

## Going to the Pacific

Home from the RCAF station at Iceland Fred Cubine is shortly leaving for the Pacific, and will no doubt welcome the change of scenery. Some time ago a story was printed herein about the total rock of Iceland, and how the newcomers grow their vegetables under glass. Fred arrived home totally unannounced and was not expected even by his parents. It was a great surprise when he walked in on the home folks out on the west town line where he left over two years ago.

## Lions Raised Nearly \$1500 for Benevolent Purposes

Stouffville Lions Club has raised a total of nearly \$1500 for charitable purposes during their year just ended on July 1st according to the club records.

Probably their largest single effort was the collection of \$525 for the Salvation Army. The entire club participated in the drive which assisted the army when they were badly in need of canvassers.

The local club again contributed the sum of \$120 to keep one child bomb victim for a year in Britain, and made contributions to the Sick Children's Hospital, and the Crippled Children's Fund.

Getting closer to home, the Lions extended \$100 to the North York Boys Camp. A further \$50 was spent on the Air Cadets which provided insurance for the boys and the Cadet Magazine. In addition to taking care of several local optician and dentist accounts the club provided several Christmas baskets to needy homes in town. The fine work of Mr. Bert Lickorish in operating the Comfort Fund, has been recognized by the Club with a donation of approximately \$70, which supplied a box for one month to every name on the Fund list.

Much has been done to promote boys' work in the community, and in every instance, the Lions have been the financial backers. The Cubs, and shortly the Boy Scouts have been sponsored by the Club, and only lately the baseball clubs for juvenile and bantam ages have been organized by the Lions and at a cost of \$75.

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics have been held in Stouffville periodically with the assistance of the Lions Club both from the members themselves, and from the treasury.

The Lions put Stouffville on the map in a big way when they sponsored the "Ontario Panorama" radio program broadcast here in December, and along the same line, they have completed a survey of the town which has been forwarded to government authorities for use in postwar planning and development.

The Club is one of the strongest backers of the proposals for a concert or memorial hall in town, and have stated their willingness to give their support to whichever scheme is deemed most advisable by the local Council and School Board, for the erection of such building.

While the Stouffville Lions have pulled their full share in war charities, now that the conflict in Europe is over, more extensive plans right in Stouffville are mooted for next year's club, which will convene in September.

## ROOSTER ATTACKS CHILD

Cock of the barnyard alright, but when the big rooster on the premises of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ward south of Claremont attacked their two-year-old child, the title faded away, and we believe the rooster will be on the table of some home for another purpose other than strutting about master of all he surveys.

On Sunday the barnyard rooster attacked the youngster and picked the child's eye inflicting a wound so serious that it was rushed to the doctor. Fortunately the sight was not impaired, and the wound is expected to heal quickly. However, it was a narrow escape that might have had serious consequences.

## Central Feed Store Bought by Manager

Reesor's Marmill, owners of Central Feed Store in Stouffville, has disposed of its business here to Mr. Elmer Daniels who has managed the business so successfully for several years. Mr. Daniels will continue the business of selling feeds, coal and sundry items as heretofore, and will be one of the younger business owners on Main street.

The business was transferred as of July 1st, and with the retirement of Marmill Limited we believe that the new owner will maintain the same high standard of business for which the place has been noted.

## NEW TEACHER FOR S.S. 19

Miss Jacquelin Skinner of Newmarket, has been engaged as public school teacher for S.S. No. 19, Markham, to succeed Miss Betty Thomas who resigned to take a position on the Markham village staff. A picnic and farewell party was held by pupils and parents at Woodland as a friendly farewell gesture to Miss Thomas.

## THREE ORANGE SERVICES

County Master Norman Wagg of Goodwood had a busy day last Sunday since there were no less than three church services held in North Ontario at which the Orangemen attended in a body, and he did his best to get around to them, he reports. Parades were held at Wilfrid, Beaverton and Uxbridge.

## Wants Kindergarten Placed in School

A deputation composed of Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. W. C. Sanders waited on the Board of Education Monday evening asking that the kindergarten class conducted in the basement of the United Church last season, be taken under the care of the school, and if possible accommodation be provided in the building.

The deputation was told to submit a report on the possible size of the class, children from 4 to under 6 years of age, before consideration could be given. Not too great hopes were entertained for opening the class in the school next September since the accommodation is so limited.

## Gormley Has a Mystery Horse

Some two weeks ago Neil Weir, Gormley farmer just north of the C.N.R. station there noticed a strange horse in a strange place on his farm, for it was on the railway tracks which passes through his property. Mr. Weir took the animal to his barn and has cared for it ever since. The gelding showed a few bumps, but nothing of a serious nature. It was travelling on rubber shoes too, more like the city equines wear, and since no end of enquiry has located an owner in the neighborhood of Gormley, the belief is increasing that this bit of horse flesh really belongs to the city streets and may have fallen from a train passing along. If this proves to be the fact, the animal did a marvelous thing in escaping with only minor bruises. While the steed remains silent on the matter, The Tribune through its advertising columns, is broadcasting the find in an effort to locate the owner and incidentally to solve a mystery that has the neighborhood baffled.

In the event of no solution, then of Farmer Weir it may be truly said that a "gift horse" stares him in the face.

## Goodwood Celebrates 12th at Orillia

Members of the Orange Order for North Ontario and which comprises Stouffville were obliged to leave their district today if they wished to participate in the annual 12th of July Walk, since no celebration is being held in the district. Goodwood Orangemen decided on Orillia as the place to celebrate and will be there in a body. Other lodges perhaps from the district will walk at Lindsay, and still a few Orangemen will be in Toronto from this area.

## Gormley Wife Receives Fatal News

Previously reported missing, Pte. Donald Henry Thompson, 23, the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, is now officially reported killed in action with the Canadian Army in Holland on the 26th of January, 1945 according to information received by his wife who resides with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Austin Richardson on the third concession of Whitchurch.

Pte. Thompson was a son of Mrs. Henry Thompson and the late Mr. Thompson of Clear Lake, Muskoka. He left the DeHaviland Aircraft Co. of Canada and joined the army in December, 1942. He trained at Brampton and went overseas in June 1944.

In September 1942 Pte. Thompson married Marion Richardson of Gormley R.R. 1. Surviving besides his wife is one daughter.

## Well Known Main St. Home Sold

The well known residence with its spacious grounds belonging to Mr. A. S. Collins, Main street east opposite the Briar Bush Hospital is under sale to Mr. Douglas Booth, 10th concession farmer who intends to retire here shortly. Since the property joins up with the orchard lands recently purchased by Mr. Booth's son, Delbert from the late Edward Walls, the Collins house will provide accommodation for both the father and son as a two-family place if necessary. The solid brick house is one of the older places in town and many years ago was the home of the late Dr. Lloyd. It has been well preserved, while the land is high class garden property with an extra building lot that is one of the choice lots still not built on in town. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have occupied this place for 25 years, but with advancing age are unable to maintain so large a home any longer. Mrs. Collins suffered a breakdown some time ago and is still at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cowan, at Malvern. Mr. Collins will, we understand, find accommodation with the new owners of his property. A public auction sale of the Collins household goods and effects is announced for Thursday, July 26th.

## Eastend Grocery Changes Hands

Mr. Al Greenwood who conducted the East End Grocery in Stouffville for the last eight years has disposed of his business and premises to Mr. Oliver McQuarrie of Malton, who will take possession August 20. In addition to the store there is a residence in connection which will be occupied by the new owner and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood are not yet decided on their future plans, but they may move to Northern Ontario where Mrs. Greenwood has a brother living. Their friends will certainly be sorry to see them leaving the community, and patrons of the store who recognize that the business established a reputation for quality goods are being assured that the new owners will maintain the same good lines of groceries. In fact we hear they intend to remodel the place as well.

## Hardballers Split Last Two Games

After thoroughly trouncing Markham senior hardballers 13-2, Stouffville dropped a close 6-5 score at Newmarket on Monday night.

In last week's game against Markham, the home squad were never in trouble, and drove in runs in each innings with a five-run rally in the 4th. The Schell brothers formed the Stouffville battery.

On Monday night, Stouffville dropped a game which they had nicely tucked away by the score of 5-1 right into the seventh innings, when fielding errors, allowed the Newmarket boys to shove over five runs and take the game. Lorne Schell was again on the mound for the home team.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coppins announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Gladys, to Mr. Bud Adams, eldest son of Mrs. R. Cooper of Toronto. The marriage to take place the latter part of July in Toronto.

## Goodwood Boy Headed Canadian Troops into Berlin

Pte. Roy McDonald of Goodwood Drove Jeep for 48th Highlanders



Roy McDonald

The United Press reported on Thursday from Berlin, Germany, that exactly two months after the cease-fire signal went out over the Canadian front in Germany and Holland, Canadian troops entered Berlin that night as part of the British garrison force.

While German adults and children lining the streets through which the Canadians passed surprised the troops by waving and even throwing flowers into the vehicles, the long convoy followed a pilot jeep driven by Pte. Roy McDonald of Goodwood, Ont., to the Wilmersdorf area, for which the Canadian composite battalion will be responsible.

Pte. McDonald and his passenger, Major Roy Mackenzie of Sarnia, Ont., second in command, led the composite force embracing men from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Hamilton, Ont., Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal, Montreal, and the Royal Edmonton Regiment throughout an exhausting 13 1/2-hour trip which began in Brunswick at 5.30 a.m. (11.30 p.m. E.D.T., Tuesday) and ended in Berlin at 7 p.m. (1 p.m. E.D.T.).

Major Mackenzie's already arduous task of keeping the vehicles steady at a snail's pace over the 130-mile route struck international complications when Red Army guards manning the barrier to the Russian sector near Helmstedt refused the Canadian troops entry.

An alert Russian major, observing the British 7th Armored Division cross the border, spotted the differences in Canadian vehicle signs and the troops' battledress patches. He ordered the barrier dropped just as CSM Romeo Renaud of the Fusiliers Mont-Royal approached in a carrier driven by Pte. Leonel Desjardins of Rimouski, Quebec.

The Russian maintained the Canadians should have separate authority to enter the sector, although he had already examined the credentials of the British officer leading the convoy.

The barrier was erected only at midnight, July 3, with direct orders from Marshal Zhukov that none should pass without his authority. Through Pte. Stan Sobieski of New Britain, Conn., serving with the Fusiliers Mont-Royal, and a fluent speaker of Russian, the major told Major Mackenzie: "Unless Zhukov said so, were you God himself, you would not pass this barrier."

The troops and the British regiments following the Canadians battalion waited 2 1/2 hours while the Russians telephoned Berlin and Major Mackenzie, through Pte. Sobieski, had to answer innumerable questions about the composition of the force, the number of tanks, the type of armament and weapons, and estimate the number of vehicles to go through.

Finally the difficulty was cleared up and the Canadians proceeded in a heavy drizzle to Berlin through a countryside swarming with great herds of cattle, tended by armed Cossacks on horseback. A wooden military bridge over the Elbe at Magdeburg was ornamented by a spiked tower at each corner, while arches at the approaches feature sizable gilt stars on each side.

Miss Gertrude Todd is holidaying at Elgin House, Muskoka, where Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Button are spending two weeks.

## Gormley Boy Liberated by General Patton's Army

Vernon Gooding was Captured in Italy



Vernon Gooding

Vernon Gooding, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gooding of Gormley, reached home on Dominion Day, after an absence of more than two years. Vernon went overseas in May 1943. He was later attached to the Toronto Irish Regiment, and went to the Mediterranean into Italy. After his capture he was moved through the Brenner Pass across Austria and finally into Germany and describes the scenery enroute through the Pass as lovely. "It's a long narrow valley with rising hills or mountains on either side," said Vernon. Unlike many moves made in Germany, these Canadians were accorded train transportation to Moosburg camp, Stalg 7a.

During the last seven weeks of his captivity, Vernon worked on a Red Cross truck distributing food to hungry Canadians, and he was very well fed during that period. However, prior to this, Red Cross parcels were a veritable life saver for the German fare was mighty short.

General Patton's army liberated the Canadians in Stalg 7a and the rejoicing was so great that this

## Cows Step Out to Die After Being Milked

Fifteen minutes after Ewart Anthony, townline farmer between Pickering and Uxbridge, milked three cows, the animals were dead as door nails. Struck by lightning as they entered the pasture, they rather died in the harness, as the saying goes of people who past out while at work for the cows were dead before their last milking was cold. The animals were insured against lightning with agent T. B. Birkett of Stouffville.

A cow and calf were struck by lightning on the well known John Miller farm at Ashburn during a storm, and were found dead in the pasture.

## Ratepayers Keep the Child and Claim Baby Bonus

It is not the intention of this council to sit idly by and see any father or mother saddle the hospitalization of their child on the ratepayers, while they, the parents, gather in the easy money from baby bonus," declared the reeve at the council meeting on Thursday night, when council was confronted with an account of nearly a hundred dollars for hospitalization for a child, the father of which had promised to reimburse the taxpayers. "We will not be made the goat in such cases," said the reeve.

One councillor said he understood the father was making good pay working in Toronto. "I have no doubt his earnings are as good or better than many people who will have to help keep his child, if we fall in our duty to collect," said the reeve. The hospitalization will continue until August, the reeve said. Clerk Storey said he had written the father, but the letter was ignored.

The authorities at Ottawa will be communicated with in an effort to divert the Baby Bonus to the town until the corporation is reimbursed in the matter.

## BASEBALL FRIDAY NIGHT

Stouffville senior hardball team will meet Milliken in Memorial Pk. this Friday night. This is the first meeting for these two clubs.

## BASEBALL EQUIPMENT MISSING

Will the party who picked up the club bag, containing the baseball equipment belonging to the Leaside Lions Baseball Club, at the Park on Tuesday evening, kindly leave at The Tribune Office.

Gormley boy could hardly describe it.