

BRITAIN'S NEW PRIME MINISTER
Rt. Hon. Clement R. Attlee, Britain's new prime minister, is a quiet man, described as "a sane and solid leader." His aim is development of resources for all the people.

First Hydro Bills Issued to Ratepayers in Six Months

The first hydro accounts for domestic consumers issued in nearly six months went forth from the town office this week. Reason for the long period in which no accounts were rendered to householders was that the big rebate of 30 per cent of what you paid for domestic hydro in 1944 was being paid back. This was enough to give the customers four months and more of free current. Therefore, it was not necessary to issue bills, and even now, after nearly six months many bills or practically all of the users, had only a fraction of their usual August bill to pay since the rebate was sufficient to pay a part of this account in addition to the last four months.

Stouffville received one of the best rebates handed back to its users of any place in the province this year. It is to be remembered, too, that house customers also have received a reduction in rates from which they will continue to benefit throughout the year.

Our system has grown from one hundred horse power, to nearly 350 H.P. per month.

With the cheap rate for house current more and more orders are being received for electric stoves, since it is the most convenient means of cooking, especially in summer season. Wood is hard to get and expensive, too, and like coal is not nearly so clean as electric heat, so it is not any wonder that people are turning to electricity for home cooking.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Markham and Pickering Township Councils will meet next Tuesday instead of Monday, Civic Holiday, Markham council assemble in the evening and Pickering afternoon and evening.

Air Marshal Retired

Air Vice-Marshal George Howsam of Port Perry, and brother to our Earl Howsam formerly of Altona and now farming in Reach township west of Port Perry, has been retired as chairman of the travelling establishment committee, according to an announcement just issued from Ottawa listing a number of army retirements and appointments affecting high-ranking RCAF officers. Air Marshal Howsam will be succeeded by G.V. Walsh of Montreal. Walsh is 52 years of age and Howsam is 50.

Former Uxbridge Farmer Dead

John Walford, 4th concession farmer in Uxbridge a number of years ago, died suddenly in Toronto on Tuesday last week at the home of his brother-in-law, 868 Carlaw avenue. Deceased was taken to Goodwood for interment in the family plot where his wife was buried. Deceased will be remembered as farming a 50 acre place on the 4th near the C.N.R. crossing north of the Stouffville road.

Major Neil Smith Expected Home Soon

Major Neil C. Smith is shortly to return to Canada, according to latest information received this week from Aldershot Camp in England, where he is stationed. Major Smith expects to join his wife in Toronto, just as soon as transportation is provided. Dr. Smith spent V-E day in Holland, but returned to England a few days later, and on his return the first copy of The Tribune he located was our special Victory edition. He tells of The Tribune being read by a couple of Stouffvilleites in the lounge of the Grovenor Hotel during a reunion. Townspeople will learn with secret pleasure that Dr. Neil Smith is likely to be home very soon. His dental office over the Canadian Bank of Commerce with the tools of his profession are much as he left them over four years ago.

MRS. CHAS. E. KEMP

The death of Mrs. Charles E. Kemp at Toronto East General Hospital on July 25, brought sorrow and grief to a former Stouffville family. Mr. Kemp was a son of the late G. H. Kemp who operated a butchering business in Stouffville 50 years ago, the family plot of the parents being in the Stouffville cemetery. The late Mrs. Kemp who passed away was 89 years of age and the mother of two sons and two daughters. Interment was made at Pine Hill cemetery.

Senior Hardballers Continue Slump, Lose to Newmarket

Only three players on the Stouffville ball club were in any kind of form for the game against Newmarket on Friday evening when the North York boys rattled out nineteen runs against homsters ten.

Lorne Schell on the mound, brother Ken behind the plate and Lou Raxlin on the third sack played heads up ball all the way, but the balance of the team could do little that was right, and the continued series of errors brought more groans than cheers from the big crowd that had gathered to watch this final scheduled game of the season.

Only seven solid hits were registered against the arm of Lorne Schell, and these were well spread, and should have kept the score down to at least half of the final total, had it not been for the multitude of muffs in the field.

At the present time, Stouffville's hopes of gaining a play-off berth for the senior squad are pretty remote. Prior to the last two disastrous contests with Milliken and Newmarket, the team was tied for fourth place with Richmond Hill. A game which was rained out and must still be played with Milliken, can do little to effect the local chances. Markham rest in the cellar position with only one win on the season.

Juniors Near Top
However, the Bantam entry are doing better than their "big brothers" and are running neck to neck with Richmond Hill for a top position in the group, with Aurora and Milliken following up in that order. Markham Juniors are scheduled to play here this evening (Wednesday) to finish up the schedule.

WHITCHURCH FARM SOLD

Walter E. Robinson has sold his farm on the third concession of Whitchurch to Mr. Gilmour of Toronto. The 100 acres located at lot 13 is reported to have been turned over for a consideration of \$7,000, indicating a fair upward trend on farm property. The property is located in the section known as White Rose.

Cpl Ellis Sees his Family After Four Years Overseas

Cpl. G. P. Ellis, RCENE, has arrived back from overseas after an absence of nearly four years. He was greeted by his wife, a daughter of Mr. George Austin, a veteran of the first war, and by his three children. Cpl. Ellis' wife secured a house in town, half of the frame double dwelling opposite the Presbyterian church, although the soldier had never lived here, and the welcome home and flags displayed marked the event that was so important to this family this week. He will have 30 days leave and then expects to go on to the Pacific after training in the U.S.A.

Harness-Maker Asked for Big Order

Chas. Todds, harness-maker of Markham village, whose fame as a manufacturer of fancy horsewear has gone far afield, has received an order to outfit a 12-horse team belonging to a big circus concern in New York.

Owing to the help shortage, Mr. Todds is undecided whether or not to undertake the assignment. The horses were purchased in Canada, are all matched and weigh over a ton each. Mr. Jack Torrance, who is the local dealer accompanying the firm on their buying tour.

The job would possibly necessitate Mr. Todds flying to New York and back since the horses would have to be measured for their new suits.

The Markham harness man is an expert on fancy harness sets, and imports much of his fancy material from the old country. Many of the championship teams which once graced Canadian National Exhibition show ring and the Royal Winter Fair have carried the Todds' handiwork. He has made harness for many of the most well-known show horse men, not the least of these being Mitchell F. Hepburn, late of the Ontario legislature.

Whitchurch Farmer Gets Sudden Call

Well Enough to Prepare Own Breakfast, Russel Gray Died Same Evening

Edward Russel Gray, a life-long resident of Whitchurch Township, passed away with shocking suddenness on Wednesday evening, July 25, following only an illness of a few hours. Mr. Gray arose that morning as usual, and instead of waiting for Mrs. Gray to prepare breakfast, he proceeded to prepare his own, indicating a better appetite than usual. Between 10 and 11 o'clock he took ill, and went to bed, and by mid-afternoon was in great pain. He lapsed into unconsciousness a short time before he expired at 7 o'clock that evening. Mr. Gray suffered from an inward goitre but his heart was never strong enough for him to undergo an operation. He was 66 years of age.

The late Mr. Gray was born at Ballantrae, and worked the farm on the north side of Musselman's Lake which he took over from his father and which he sold to Mr. George Davies, who developed the lake front to such an important summer resort. Following the sale to Mr. Davies, the Grays located on the 3rd concession (at lot 8), at which place he died.

Surviving besides his wife, the former Clara Thompson, is one daughter Mrs. Muriel Hewlett, also one son Lorne on the farm. A brother Hamilton Gray resides in Minnedosa, Man., and an only sister living is Mrs. Ira Badger of Stouffville. The funeral on Friday afternoon from the late home north of Gormley proceeded to Church Hill Christian church and cemetery. Rev. Mr. Middle conducted the service, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. Ken Duncan, Chaney Connor, Lorne P. Evans, Harry Smith, Ross Keffer and Alvin Stephenson.

Will Wed To-Day



Kathleen Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner of Stouffville, who will be married this Thursday afternoon at her home here, to Robert A. Madill, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Madill of Saskatoon. Both have been serving in Canada's Navy, the groom for six years.

VISITOR LOSES PURSE, MONEY AND COUPONS TWICE IN FOUR DAYS

Losing her purse for the second time in less than a week, was the unusual experience of Mrs. F. C. Irwin of 317 Rushton Road, Toronto. On Saturday night Mrs. Irwin as recorded in our local column walked out of a building and never missed her purse which she left behind for several hours, when it was restored to her at the Tribune office. Again on Tuesday the Toronto visitor left the picnic grounds at the park, overlooking her purse containing a sizeable amount of money and other valuables. Once more honest hands turned it over to the newspaper office who forwarded it to the owner after she wired from Toronto to enquire about the lost article.

Gormley Stables Has Three in 50-Day New Jersey Meet

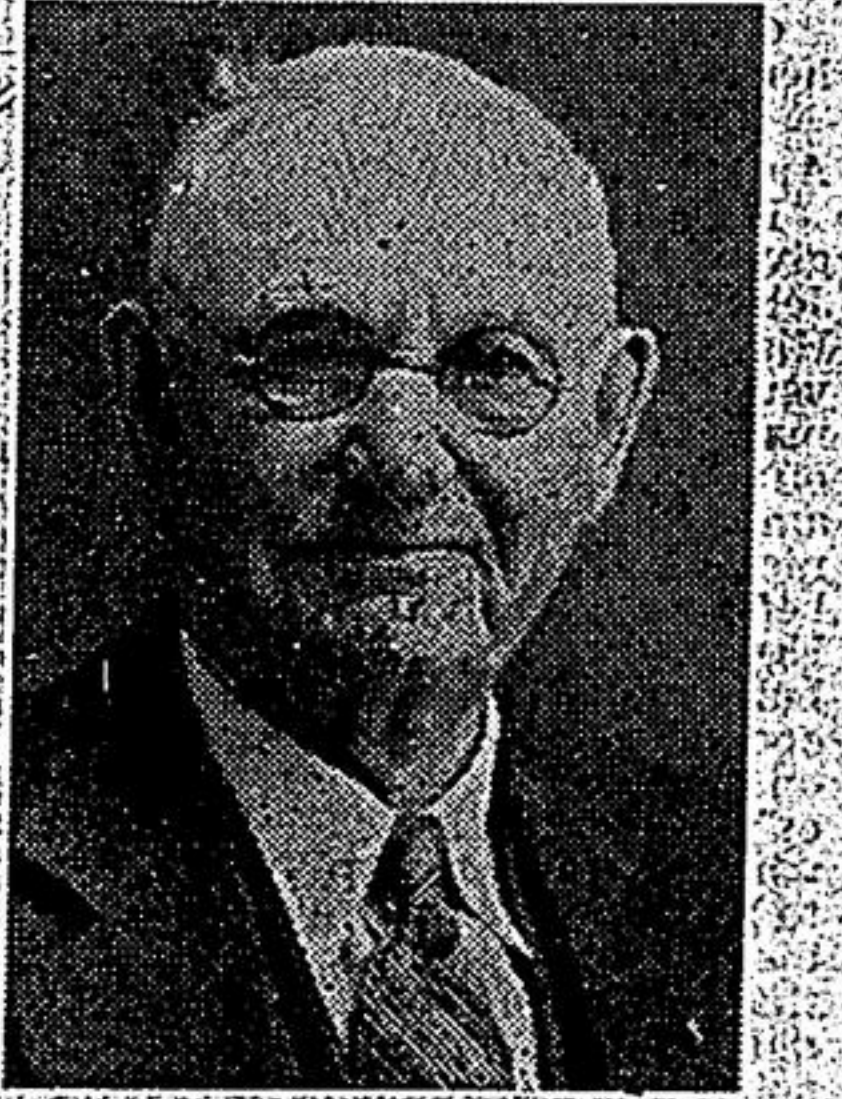
Fred Shelke of Gormley has three horses in the big 50-day race session now in progress at Garden State meet in New Jersey. His stable at Haddonfield, is housing Shepperton, Mugwump and Circusweep, and the owner, as well as the followers of his stable are more than anxious that this bill-o-fare offered at the Yank track this August will meet with better luck than last year.

Mrs. Shelke, too, will be at the track to see the performers doing their best. In a note to The Tribune she admits that the humidity in New Jersey just about gets her down, but delights in the loveliness of the surroundings.

Geo. Tran Reaches 90th Milestone

Native of Pickering Township, and a farmer there for over half a century, George Tran celebrated his 90th birthday on Sunday, July 29th. Actually the day is Aug. 23rd but on Sunday the family and friends totalling over eighty in number gathered at the home of his son Dave, where he makes his home, to help mark the occasion.

The celebrity of the party, George Tran, was born at Cedar Grove, and



farmed there and at Mongolia up until thirty-four years ago, when he moved to the home of his son, David, on the 8th concession of Pickering. Mr. Tran was a champion plowman in his earlier days, and laid the groundwork for his son's success, whose fame as plowman is known the country over. His wife, the former Susannah Steeper, has been dead 25 years. Mr. Tran has four daughters, two sons, twenty grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. W.A. Thomson, Mrs. W.G. Maxwell, Mrs. Geo. Cowie, all of Markham and Mrs. E.D. Sharpe of Wyoming. The sons are Dave and Gardham, both on the Pickering farm. One brother, W.H. Tran of Cedar Grove, who is 81, was present for the festivities on Sunday.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

Apple Prospects Poorest in Years

Never in 25 years has the apple prospects about Stouffville looked so poorly as they do this year. The trees were nipped by frost after they started budding last spring, and the harm done is now coming to light very definitely. One of the best apple orchards in the southern end of Markham where Stouffville people have obtained prize spies and other varieties for years, just hasn't an apple this year. We might also refer to the orchard on the Amos-Reesor place where Mr. Reesor says he may not have enough apples for even his own use.

Condition of strawberry, raspberry and grape crops brightened the otherwise poor situation of Ontario's fruit and vegetable crops during July, the Ontario Department of Agriculture reports.

In Western Ontario, raspberries are being harvested with prospects of a 5 per cent increase over 1944. Strawberries are expected to better the 1944 figure by 30 per cent and grapes by 13 per cent. In Eastern Ontario, raspberries are up 40 per cent, strawberries 25 and grapes 25.

Apple prospects have further deteriorated in Western Ontario and now are placed at only one-third of last year's total. Peaches have taken a 30 per cent drop but improved slightly over June. Pears changed little at 37 per cent below 1944 and plums and fresh prunes were roughly similar. Favorable conditions and excellent sizing of fruit in Niagara brought forth a better sweet cherry crop than anticipated, but it is still 32 per cent down from 1944. Sour cherries continued poor.

In Eastern Ontario apples fell to 20 per cent with scab ruling out crops in half the commercial orchards. Pears are down 80 per cent and plums 60.

A general overall improvement in practically all vegetable crops since the last report was noted in Western Ontario. Wet weather continued in most sections of Eastern Ontario, contributing to a big reduction in vegetable acreages.

In canning crops, Western Ontario bean acreage is up about 11 per cent, corn is down 14, there is a good quality pea crop and rhubarb is showing considerable increase. In Eastern Ontario, peas are up from last month but still down from last year, the corn crop is very late and tomatoes are patchy.

Goodwood Station Entered by Thieves

Our Goodwood correspondent reports a break-in at Goodwood station, sometime Saturday night, or early Sunday morning. The thieves gained entrance by prying open a window enabling them to enter the office from which they removed the small safe. It was taken west of the village, and smashed open with a hammer stolen from the oil house. There was nothing of value to the thieves in the safe hence they got nothing for their trouble.

Ever since the last general election there have been comments or reports insinuating indirectly that the new Parliament will find the Federal Government very much dependent upon its Quebec representation. However, this suggestion is now openly resented by leaders of the party in power and stories heard backstage on Parliament Hill tell of efforts that will be made deliberately to disprove by argument as well as evidence any such insinuation. It is shown that out of the 245 members of the new Parliament, there are about 118 Liberals, 7 Independent Liberals and 4 Independents, with the 7 Independent Liberals having been elected without opposition by the Government so that it is interesting to note that four of these are considered to be in reality true Liberals and the three others are known to be supporters of the Government in many ways. Then again, of the other such Independents, including Hon. C. G. Power, former Minister for Air, it is expected that their support of the King Government is a relative certainty. In short, it seems that the Government will have the necessary majority over all other parties even without being wholly dependent upon its Quebec supporters so that this, among other reasons, accounts for the resentment against any insinuation that the party in power must satisfy Quebec in order to remain in control in the new Parliament.

It is hinted behind the scenes along Parliament Hill, that the experiment involved in using Parliamentary Assistants in Ottawa has proven so successful that more appointments or expansion of the present system would not be a big surprise, in usually well-informed quarters. Indeed, it is pointed out that five of these Parliamentary Assistants have become Ministers, including Hon. Brooke Claxton, Hon. D.C. Abbott, Hon. Paul Martin, Hon. Joseph Jean, and Hon. Lionel Chevrier, with the strong possibility existing that other Parliamentary Assistants may be named before long since there is much enthusiasm now about the success of this system and there may be need of others in the 20th Parliament as older men step out gradually to make way for younger political blood.

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