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Skunks are a live issue in the west end of Stouffville just now where one or two families have made themselves unwelcome residents. So that you may better understand the ways of the newcomers a special article is contributed in this issue (page 5) on the habits and ways of the skunk. Here is a picture of one of these little animals that may be seen ambling along Albert street in the evening, or very early morning.

TWO BOYS TAKEN FROM PARENTS BY MAGISTRATE

In Magistrate's court at Uxbridge last week two lads were given in to the custody of guardian homes and a third lad was allowed to go home again when found guilty of destroying property at the Rifle Range south of Uxbridge, and other offences in the same neighborhood where property was destroyed. The Arbuckle and the Carmody lads, the two oldest of the three, were given the punishment. One was sent to the Bowmanville Boys Home, and the other to a Catholic Home while the younger Carmody boy was lectured by Magistrate Ebs and allowed his freedom.

MISS JESSIE TODD, GOODWOOD PASSES IN SLEEP

Life-long resident of Goodwood district Miss Jessie Todd passed away in her sleep and was found dead in bed on Saturday morning. She had retired as usual the night before, and when she did not appear next morning her niece with whom she lived (Mr. and Mrs. Don Spencely) investigated, and made the shocking discovery. Miss Todd was 67 years of age, and was a daughter of the late John S. Todd. Surviving are two sisters Miss Mary Todd, and Mrs. George Evans. The funeral on Tuesday was at Uxbridge cemetery.

HIGH SCHOOL RE-ENTERS INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

It is some years since Stouffville High School has entered the field meet competition with any neighboring school, but next week athletes from here and Markham, will compete at Markham Fair Grounds. The affair will be held on either Wednesday or Friday, all day, depending on the weather. This Friday, weather being favorable, the Stouffville school will hold their elimination contests in the local park. Mr. Paul Snerk and Miss Kathleen Swinton are the teachers in charge.

Junior O.H.A. Hockey Group in the Making

The nucleus was formed at a meeting on Tuesday evening for a Junior O.H.A. B' hockey team in Stouffville, and only waits for some differences to be ironed out, as to what teams in the surrounding country should form the league. The setup which is desired by those interested locally would bring Stouffville, Markham, Richmond Hill and Newmarket into a four-team group. The meeting was conducted by 'Eddie' Crouch, hockey coach here in pre-war years, and Elmer Daniels, chairman of this sports division of the Lions Boys' Work. In addition, Mr. Robb, former coach of the Lucknow Junior team which during its time, produced the famous Chinese kid line, that tried out with the Maple Leafs, also addressed the boys. Mr. Charlie Webster, proprietor of Maple Leaf Dairy, and an O.H.A. referee for the past six years, was present and added his views to possible hockey prospects here. Fifteen boys, ranging in age from 15 to 20, signed up as available, and are expected to turn out at a future meeting which will be announced in this paper. The Lions, is expected to form a team in a junior age group, in a Lions League, similar to that set up for baseball this summer.

JOE SELLS TO JOE

The sale of the Mertens house immediately west of the United Church to Jos. Mertens west of town, resolves itself into a transfer from "Little Joe to Big Joe." The property was owned by Jos. Mertens of New Ontario, and the present purchaser bears the same name. When the northern Joe lived here as a young man the two Joes were distinguished as "little Joe and big Joe." Over the years little Joe became big Joe in stature. The house was built over 50 years ago by a brother of the new owner, thus it has always been in the Mertens name. Mr. Mertens and Miss Marjory expect to move from the farm west of town to occupy their new possession just as soon as their farm is sold.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Stouffville United Church will mark their anniversary this coming Sunday, Oct. 14th, with special services both morning and evening. Rev. Geo. McMullen of Emmanuel College will be the guest speaker and there will be special music by the choir. Large congregations of both old and new friends are expected during the day.

Town Compiling Service Roll for Presentation Use

What to Give Discussed with Veterans' secretary — Presents Knotty Problem — Moving Park Gates.

As soon as the completion of the listing of Stouffville's service personnel, a public meeting will be called and committee formed to deal with the problem of a suitable presentation. Such a committee will no doubt be formed of citizens outside the council who will come to the town officials with their proposals and approximate costs.

This matter was dealt with at some length at the regular meeting of the town council on Thursday evening.

"What had you in mind?" the reeve asked Mr. Lickorish who had been asked to confer on the matter. "How would the town like to build the boys a club room?" said Mr. Lickorish.

He suggested that the cost might run anywhere from \$4000 up.

"That would certainly be a nice thing, but any presentation on such a large scale, where money would necessarily have to be borrowed would have to be voted on by the people," Reeve Nolan stated.

Various other individual gifts were suggested, and it was agreed that the first essential was the complete list of the number involved, after which a committee could set to work and costs be arrived at.

Suggests Moving Memorial Gates

"The Memorial Gates at the entrance to the park are in a bad state of repair, and could they not be moved up to Main St. to give a wider entrance and a better display to the entrance of the park," stated Mr. Lickorish.

"I think that's a good suggestion," said Councillor Boyd.

Mr. Lickorish said that he realized the job could not be undertaken at once, and council which unanimously favored the proposal advised that it be brought up in the early spring.

Permission was also granted the Veterans' Association to conduct their annual Poppy Day on Saturday, Nov. 10th.

Goodwood Street Lights Now Likely

After what folks considered a long delay Uxbridge Township has now received the estimated cost for street lights for the village of Goodwood, and the figures will be announced at the council meeting next week.

So far more than the required 50 per cent of the necessary names are on the petition and if the cost is not exorbitant, villagers look forward to seeing their community with lights. Hamlet rates are very reasonable and are likely to cost so little that each ratepayer will scarcely notice the amount.

Goodwood ratepayers are asked to attend a public meeting next Monday evening, Oct. 15 in the Township hall at 8 p.m. to meet the council and arrive at a decision in the matter.

"Westender" Asks More Light

"It's just a suggestion, one which I am surprised has not come up before from some of the westender merchants." "It's the matter of a couple of strings of colored lights for our end of the town. Even another string nearer O'Brien Ave. would be much appreciated, I'm sure," so stated a letter signed, "Westender," read before council on Thursday evening by Councillor Jack Smits.

It was agreed that the westender was just as entitled to the lights as the downtown business section, and if at all possible a couple of strings of lights should be placed there. However, as there is a vast change to be made in the Main St. lighting setup soon, it was not deemed advisable to install such new lights at the present time.

"In future the council will have the matter in mind and something will be done, after our new steel poles, now on order, are erected on Main St. Whether or not the new standards can be used to attach colored strings remains to be seen," the reeve said.

The present array of colored lights along the main thoroughfare are a real asset. They were purchased some years ago by the merchants and have been maintained by the town since that time.

Elderly Whitchurch Man "Taken for a Ride" and Robbed of \$40

William Linton 73, Held Up by Two Youths in Broad Daylight

William Linton, 73-year-old reclusive, living in a lonely section of Whitchurch Township, was assaulted by two youths in broad daylight, forced into their car and driven a mile to his home, where he was tied hand and foot, blind-folded and robbed of \$30 or \$40. The thugs stuck a rusty old revolver into his face, Linton related, and shoved and pushed him into the car. The Linton home is in the neighborhood of what is known as Seldom Seen, on the 6th concession, just north of the Ballantrae road. When the robbers picked up the old man he was hobbling along on his crutches on the Ballantrae road walking toward Ballantrae, between the 6th and 7th concessions.

Linton, who had just deposited a cheque in the bank at Aurora the day before, lives alone in his one room with only his goats, 25 in number, as company. They are real company too, for they are permitted the run of the place inside and out.

Telling of the robbery, for which arrests are expected any time, he said the car came toward him and sort of blocked his way. One fellow jumped out, and struck a revolver in his face. "Get in the car," said the robber, when Linton replied with "to hell with getting in the car, I ain't getting in no car." With that he pushed and shoved as best he could with his crutches around behind the car to get the license number. He managed it fairly well.

However, Linton tells that he was forced into the seat, for "I could see the trigger was half up." Driving back to the lonely hovel 30 feet of rope was located and with this he was tied. He showed the rope to the reporter. "They blind-folded me, but I could see out the corner and kept peering and saw where they threw my bank books." There was no money in the safe, but a few old coins, one Linton valued at about \$35.

Linton was found shortly after the occurrence by assessor Fred Cummings, practically freed. Constable Barraclough is investigating.

William Linton was born in Aurora, he said, and had lived on the present place, a large sand dune for 25 years. The frame house is a story and a half, and he keeps bees in the upstairs. They were busy going in and out the slightly raised window just like a hive. In fact the hives were close to the window. "Folks think I have some sort of bee reserve here," he said. Two years ago Linton was injured in a horse and buggy accident and has been on crutches since that time. He wears a long beard and speaks with a high pitched voice. Several guns were displayed to us, and these he promised to use had he been molested at home. He finds no use for a kitchen table and heats the room with a large round stove. For a bed an old couch suffices.

"He went out with us and called the goats, something like the 'hog call,' and some of the largest billy goats one could see appeared. Too many billys, he said, so he is offering them for meat now that rationing is on. "Folks up Newmarket way have tried them, and will be back for more, they are as good as venison," Linton said.

One might think this man was living in total poverty, but far from it. He was frugal in his younger days apparently, and has money in the bank as a \$100 annual government annuity as long as he lives. Goat meat and honey, plus goat milk meets most of his needs. His 200 or more acres mostly waste land yield enough wood for his requirements. The place was warm when the reporter stepped in, although it was chilly outside. Flies, he found a terrible pest, so many in fact they did interfere with your every move. This was surprising, too, since the two windows yielded little light.

G.N.R. GEORGE A. FOOTE RETURNS HOME

Gnr. George A. Foote, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Foote, Stouffville, arrived home from overseas on Saturday last on the Pasteur. He has been on active service for over two years and a half, seeing action in Italy and Holland.

Gnr. Bruce Foote, another son, who was home on disembarkation leave from Newfoundland, returned to Halifax last Wednesday.

Miss Lena Schlosser of Toronto, formerly of Alberta, spent the holiday weekend with Audrey Lageer, Church street.

TORONTO MAN FREED ON RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGE

A reckless driving charge was dropped against a Toronto man who ran his car into a C.N.R. train at the Goodwood crossing, as the motorist was travelling from Goodwood to Uxbridge last spring. Magistrate Ebs, after hearing the evidence in court at Uxbridge last week decided it was insufficient to convict on.

Walter Talbot's Death Came with Tragic Suddenness

Last Thursday morning, a well known resident of town and district, Walter Talbot, died with startling suddenness. Mr. Talbot left his home here on O'Brien Avenue around 8 o'clock to motor to Mount Albert, and by nine o'clock Mrs. Talbot received a telephone message announcing his death. He had called at a farm home near Mount Albert on business but on reaching the house he suddenly collapsed and expired almost immediately. He was in his 51st year, and was engaged in trucking and had considerable interest in the sale of wood, which business he was on at the time of his sudden passing.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon proceeded from the late home to Stouffville cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. D. Davis.

Walter Talbot was born at Vancor, but his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Talbot moved to the 6th of Whitchurch when he was a lad. He attended the public school there, and married Vera Appleton, who survives besides a son and daughter Jack at home, and (Jean) Mrs. Bruce Stover. His mother aged 81 also survives besides two brothers George of Whitchurch and Chas. in the U.S.A., and three sisters Mrs. Ross Harper, 6th con. Whitchurch, Mrs. Bert Staley, Goodwood, and Miss Grace Talbot, Toronto.

Are You Ready for that Evening Call?

Next Monday evening, October 15, the members of the Stouffville Lions Club will canvass every street in town, every home, expecting a parcel from all who can spare some clothing, boots or shoes, that have been worn and are still useful, but perhaps, are not being used. To meet this call householders should look over the attic, the store places in the home. Millions of people in Europe will be nearly frozen this winter, and will be glad to obtain what you may consider just rags.

Have your parcel neatly tied, and if you would aid if you tagged it indicating the contents. If it is a suit, or other clothing not parcelled, labeling is quite unnecessary. Do not write your name on your donation. The Lions will have half a dozen trucks on the canvass so that the pick-up will be rapid. The goods collected will be deposited in the Christian, United and Baptist church basements, and in the Municipal Hall, where women organizations will prepare the goods for shipment to the regional clearing station in Toronto.

It will not be necessary to meet the canvassers unless you wish to. If your parcel is sitting out on the veranda it will be picked up. Do not forget the date, Monday evening October 15.

WILL OPEN RADIO ELECTRIC SHOP

Norman Farr, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Farr of Claremont has rented a portion of the second floor of the Ratcliff Block, and will open a radio repair shop there almost immediately, as well as selling certain electrical lines. Mr. Farr will repair radios and household appliances and his new stand will be known as Stouffville Radio Electric. Norman Farr was a member of the R.C.A.F. for six years, serving with the 110th Squadron.

Moved to Brooklyn

Mr. and Mrs. Fyfe Innis (Isabel Rennie) have vacated the residence on Albert street north sold by the landlord James Ratcliff to Stewart Stouffer, and have moved to their new home in Brooklyn.

New Radio Station CHUM Offers Services to Town

A communication was received by the Stouffville Municipal Council on Thursday evening from a new radio station in Toronto and designated by the call letters CHUM, found on your dial at 1050, offering the facilities of the station once a month for a program tuned expressly to the people of Stouffville. These facilities are offered entirely free of charge.

The clerk was instructed to write to the company expressing the town's appreciation of the offer which may be accepted during some future month.

Councillor Jack Smits, acting on behalf of the Stouffville Lions Club executive placed before the council a proposition for new signs at either end of town, announcing that one is entering Stouffville with a smaller line: "Lions Club." The Lions would go fifty-fifty in the cost of the new signs, plans for which Councillor Smits displayed blueprints. The total cost would be about \$35. Council viewed the matter favorably and will go into it as soon as the hydro change is made at the west entrance to town. This change is necessitated by the erection of the new garage at the 9th concession corner and it was not deemed advisable to erect a sign which might shortly be blocked from view by the erection of large new hydro poles and service boxes.

"We are badly in need of a building to house the local hydro equipment," the reeve stated. At present space is borrowed at the Gold Fish Supply Co. and Machine & Tool Works to house new transformers, while the facilities at the rear of the municipal hall are entirely inadequate to handle other equipment now on hand.

"This matter has been brought up before, let's put some teeth into it this time, and have the building erected," said Councillor Button.

"The Stouffville Hydro System has plenty of funds, and this is one of the few ways in which the money can be used," the reeve stated.

It was agreed that hydro chief Ferguson should be interviewed immediately in this regard.

MARRIED IN ENGLAND

An interesting wedding was solemnized in England on Sept. 4, 1945 of considerable local interest in and around Victoria Square district. Mr. W. Bruce Evans and Miss Kathleen Forteah were united in wedlock at Lee-on-Solent, Hants, England, the bride being the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forteah, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Evans of Woodbridge, Ontario, and formerly of Victoria Square, where Bruce spent his childhood days.

SCOUTS TO FORM

The Cubs will meet on Friday evening this week in the United Church at 7 o'clock. Then at 8.15 we will welcome all boys between ages of 12 to 18 years who are interested in forming a Scout Troop in Stouffville. Lions Club Boys' work committee, Don Chadwick, chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowbotham returned this week after a two-weeks' visit at the home of their son in Shawingigan Falls, Quebec.

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The unsuitability of the local dumping grounds was up for discussion, and it was revealed that a bulldozer could be engaged to move the refuse further back in the lot at a cost of \$7 an hour. However, a new dump site is being sought, and a probable location up the 8th concession of Whitchurch is to be investigated which would provide a year-round good road.

The reeve told members of council that County Engineer Harvey Rose had visited Stouffville on his invitation this week, and had looked over the bad water situation at the corner of Stouffer and Main St. near the school. The frost has heaved the pavement at the corner and prevents the water from entering the catch basins. Engineer Rose promised that repairs will be made as soon as possible to give temporary relief from the flood conditions which frequently exist.