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Holders of Whitchurch Township hunting licenses had a day of shooting Saturday when the township held a drive to wipe out foxes that have been killing game birds and chickens. Ken Stephenson (left) of Buttonville, was one of six hunters to bag a fox. At right, he is shown with W. J. Barrow of Victoria Square, and Elmer Reesor of Gormley, with whom he shared the killing of this snowy owl, which has brought some protest from bird lovers.

Eleven Foxes Score of Whitchurch Twp. Hunt

Also 70 Jack Rabbits in Wild Animal Chase

The big annual hunt in Whitchurch township held last Saturday, depleted the fox population by only eleven proving that the little red animal is a bit too tricky for the average hunter, and there were said to be 200 gunmen on the job.

The chase opened at Vandorf at 10 o'clock in the morning and lunch was eaten at the hall there at noon. Then the men spread again north of Vandorf driving south from the Aurora road, three animals were taken in the morning and four in the afternoon. One of the dead foxes brought in before dinner was caught in a trap. The biggest animal shot was a male. It was running with another fox which escaped.

Rabbit Stew Plentiful

The innocent rabbit suffered heavily at the hands of the hunters for there were bags and bags of fat rabbits shot down. "Why," said one hunter, "they were right under your feet before they attempted to run." When the Jacks were finally counted they numbered 70.

Of course, there was a story about a sleek red fox which ran between the legs of a slow moving hunter all trussed up in so much hunting tiggery that the fox was out of sight before he brought his gun to his shoulder.

A huge white owl foolishly showed itself to the hunters although it kept very quiet until it was disturbed to the point that it attempted to fly away, when a barrage of gun shot brought it to earth. Wide protest has been provoked because of this kill. Seems the lovely white bird has plenty of friends, and rightly so.

A Grand Sight These Deer

Clare Atkinson and his son Harold, also Floyd Bolender and a couple of other hunters were treated to perhaps the best sight of the day when three lovely deer came racing toward them frightened by another gang of hunters a few hundred rods off. Mr. Atkinson said, "we were hunting about two miles or more north of Bethesda when we sighted the deer. They were traveling fast and came with heads up. Two bucks and we could see them 70 rods away. They evidently did not see us for they made right into our arms as it were. Why, my son actually jumped out of their path to allow them to pass. Two large animals mounted the fence gracefully as if it were not there, but a small doe ran up and down the line before taking the leap. One big fellow fell to the ground when he leaped, because he landed on ice. It was one of the finest wild game sights I ever hope to see, and I just couldn't ever bring myself to destroy the beauty of it, even if the season was open," he concluded.

GOODWOOD RESIDENT DIED ON WEDNESDAY

Prominent in the active life of Goodwood community for 5 years William G. B. Wilkinson died at his home there this Wednesday morning, following a long period of delicate health. He was in his 55th year.

Native of England, Mr. Wilkinson was for many years identified with the musical development for Toronto Board of Education in their schools. He was a capable band leader, and his health was broken in this pursuit when he retired to Goodwood five years ago.

Surviving besides his wife are one son William and two daughters, Miss Jean Wilkinson and Mrs. Sylvia.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th at 3 o'clock proceeding from the late home to Goodwood cemetery.

To Gain New Resident and New Home

Dr. E. B. Thomas, veterinary surgeon, engaged as a live stock inspector at the Stock Yards in Toronto, has just made the purchase of a building lot in Stouffville, and intends to erect a modern new residence in the west end on the 9th concession near the new home now going up for Mr. Alfred Thomas. Thus there will be two Thomas families on Harold street but there is no relationship.

Dr. Thomas bought his building lot from Mr. George Storey, and it is reported that a Toronto contractor will shortly commence work of excavating with a bulldozer. Dr. Thomas resided in Western Canada for 25 years and now that he is locating in Ontario we welcome him to our town, and at the same time assure him that he will find it one of the best in Ontario.

Whitchurch Decides on Caterpillar Grader

Whitchurch Township Council in session on Saturday decided to place an order with George W. Crothers Limited for a new road grader and snow plow at a cost of \$12,925. Delivery is expected in February or March, and the machine will be equipped with all the latest attachments, as set out in the company's tender. The grader is the caterpillar type similar to the machine now in use in the township only larger being a 6 cylinder, 75 h.p. type.

There was no division in council, all members being in accord on the action taken.

Hockey Club to Form This Week

It is expected that this Wednesday, a hockey meeting of interested citizens will form an executive to head up the Junior O.H.A. C. hockey entry. The local boys who wish to comprise the team have selected Bruce "Ike" Harper as their coach, and Coach Harper tells us that he is ready to put the boys through their paces, as far as condition is concerned, and will lead them onto the ice when arrangements can be made.

The Stouffville Lions Club at their regular meeting on Monday evening agreed to make a substantial contribution to start the team off, and it is believed that the team should be able to support itself once the schedule opens.

The O.H.A. announced this week that the following entries had been received in Junior 'C' from this area, and that they would be asked to meet at Port Hope under the convenship of Gordon Hawes of Whitby, to decide league groupings, the teams are, Lakefield, Port Hope, Port Perry, Whitby, Uxbridge, Lindsay and Stouffville.

LOCAL VOLLEY BALLERS GO TO NEWMARKET

Stouffville High School girls' volleyball team travelled to Newmarket on Saturday where they engaged in a series of games with girls of the Newmarket High School. Miss Kay Swinton who is in charge of the girls' athletic activities of the local school, has been absent through illness for some time, and Mr. Paul Sherk who handles the boys' activities, accompanied the team in her stead.

GUN SEIZED WHEN HUNTING WITHOUT LICENSE

A Markham Township man on the Gormley route was caught up with during the fox hunt in Whitchurch on Saturday, when he was found to be hunting without a township license. The offender did not even possess a gun license, whereupon his fire arms were seized by the Game Warden and Constable Elmer Wells, "Just a bit of carelessness," was the excuse offered.

410 Bus. Potatoes Grown at Ballantrae by Ivan McLaughlin

Warden Fred Lundy, Newmarket, presented Ivan McLaughlin, Ballantrae, with a gold watch donated by the York County Crop Improvement Association at the 500 Bus. Potato Club Banquet at the club's annual banquet in Newmarket on Friday. Ivan, who is a councillor in Whitchurch, produced 410 bushels per acre which was the highest of any of the 22 competing growers this year. Previous to the banquet, the growers held a Potato Show and educational program, when each member was eligible to show half a bushel "Canada Fancy" table potatoes and half a bushel "Canada No. 1 large" table potatoes. The first five prize winners in each class were:

Total Yield of Potatoes
Ivan McLaughlin, Stouffville, R.R. 2, 410.8 bushels; Douglas Campbell, Mt. Albert, 390.7 bus.; Everton Goode, Queensville, 388 bus.; W. H. Hoiles, Nobleton, 383.6 bus.; Thos. Clarke, Stouffville, 373 bus. (Average yield of all contestants, 283.6 bushels per acre).

Highest Yield, Marketable Potatoes
Everton Goode, Queensville, 375 bus.; Douglas Campbell, Mt. Albert, 364 bus.; Ivan McLaughlin, Stouffville, 347 bus.; W. H. Hoiles, Nobleton, 342 bus.; Thos. Clarke, Stouffville, 335.9 bus.

Half Bushel "Canada Fancy" Table Potatoes
Norman Payne, Maple; Everton Goode, Queensville; Doug Campbell, Mt. Albert; Jack Petrie, Queensville.

Half Bushel "Canada No. 1 large" Table Potatoes
Everton Goode, Queensville; Isaac McQuarrie, Maple; Jack Petrie, Queensville; Geo. Price, Mt. Albert; Selby Evans, Queensville.

Best All-Round Score
Douglas Campbell, Mt. Albert; Everton Goode, Queensville.

Alex. McKinney, jr., Brampton, guest speaker at the banquet very ably outlined some of the important changes that have taken place in Agriculture in recent years. Mr. McKinney is himself a farmer and foresees specialization as a necessary change among the "general" farming class.

During the banquet a number of special prizes were donated by commercial companies. Doug Campbell and Everton Goode, the second and third prize winners in the club won the Niagara Brand Spray Company prizes of 250 lbs. commercial dust each.

W. H. Hoiles, Nobleton, and Thos. Clarke, Ballantrae, the 4th and 5th prize winners, each won a prize of half a ton of fertilizer donated by Canada Packers Limited and presented by Mr. Dan Lavery, salesman for the company.

The United Farmers' Co-operative Company Limited, donated half a ton fertilizer to Everton Goode, Queensville. The presentation was made by Mr. Earl Grose, the manager of the Co-op, who had also judged the half bushel lots of potatoes.

TO THE SOUTH COAST

Mrs. Wm. Waddell is leaving today for Tampa, Florida, where she will attend the burial of her brother-in-law, the late Alexander Waddell. Later Mrs. Waddell will go to St. Petersburg and remain for the winter season.

Turkey Loss Feared

Our Whitevale correspondent reports: "Turkeys may be a scarcity on the dining table this Christmas, due to the fact that many flocks are stricken with the disease known as 'Black Leg.' Turkey owners in the district complain of their flocks being infected with the disease."

Mrs. Isaac Reaman Succumbs at 88

One of the very oldest personages in this neighborhood, Mrs. Isaac Reaman passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at the home of her daughter Mrs. Harvey Baker just south of town on the 10th concession of Markham. Had she lived until next May Mrs. Reaman would have reached her 88th birthday. However, she had been in declining health for quite some time.

Born at Mount Joy Mrs. Reaman's maiden name was Mary Reesor, and it can be recalled that her grandparents came from Pennsylvania with the early settlers who refused to sign away their allegiance to the British Crown.

As a young woman she married Isaac Reaman, and the couple settled on the Reaman homestead which is the farm on which she died. However, nearly 40 years ago they retired from the farm and settled in Stouffville where Mr. Reaman died in 1924.

Surviving are one son Ora, and one daughter, Mrs. Baker, with whom the mother lived and received loving care during her long period of declining health.

A private service will be held at the late home this Thursday afternoon at 1.30, and a public service in the Wideman Church at 2.30, with interment following in the Wideman cemetery. Mrs. Reaman was a member of this congregation for more than half a century.

DIED IN HER 90th YEAR

The death of Mrs. Simon P. Raymer at her late residence, Mount Joy, occurred on Monday, at the very great age of 90 years. Her maiden name was Annie Lehman, and she is survived by three sons, Oliver, Wilmot and Arthur Raymer, and one daughter, (Ida) Mrs. Vernon Pike.

The funeral service this Thursday afternoon will be in the North Markham Mennonite Church at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Dickson Hill cemetery.

BOUGHT ON BAKER AVENUE

Mr. Frank Baker has sold his red brick house on the east side of Baker avenue to Mr. Percy Tarr, monument dealer, who expects to take possession shortly. This is a comparatively new house, of a type that is very popular among buyers. Sale price is reported to be \$4,000.

Dr John Button will Establish Practice

Dr. John Button, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Button of this town, has just been granted his discharge from the R.C.A.F. and expects in a short time to establish himself in Stouffville where he will develop a medical practice, and incidentally



fill a very definite need that has been felt here both by the medical men in practice and by the general public. In normal times not many years ago, there were five doctors in town, and this has been reduced to two, thereby placing a very heavy strain on Dr. Ball and Dr. Freet.

Dr. Button who was attached to the R.C.A.F. serving in various outposts in Canada for four years, is now engaged at the Western Hospital, Toronto, but will shortly establish his office in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Button will take up residence in the Button block over the hardware store, where the apartment is now being remodelled and fitted for their needs.

A further addition was made to the Bank of Commerce staff this week, Miss Jean Sanderson taking a position there. Her position with the Stouffville Co-op will be taken by Miss Eulah Brillinger.

Council Moves for Full-time Maintenance Man, Present Contract is Terminated

"The Hydro system needs a full-time man, and a helper in good weather, there are new services needed and possibly a hundred house services that should be rebuilt," stated Horace Walsh, Stouffville electrician, as he spoke to the municipal council on Thursday evening, following the reading of a communication to the council, in which he contended that a full-time electrician on a full-time salary is required to maintain the service.

"I would like to either work full time for myself or for the town," Mr. Walsh added.

At present the electrician receives \$60 a month on a part-time basis.

"How much of your time do you give to the town work?" asked Councillor Smits.

"It's about fifty-fifty," replied Mr. Walsh.

"There is no question that the system needs a full-time man," stated Reeve Nolan, who said the Hydro engineer urged it.

It was revealed that the Stouffville Hydro Electric System had grown by leaps and bounds in the last ten years, requiring an increase of over 200 h.p. and showing a net operating profit of over \$4,000 a year. It was further stated that over fifty h.p. was to be added in the coming year to service Stiver Bros. and the New Homes Mfg. concern.

Council agreed that when they convene as a new council in January this matter would receive immediate attention.

Walks Must be Shovelled

The matter of snow shovelling was up for discussion, and it was agreed that the press should be asked to inform the public that unless they kept their walks cleared of snow, the constable would be notified.

"I've had several complaints already this year," stated Councillor Button, "these people should be summoned if they don't shovel their walks, some of the offenders are well able to do it."

To Hire New Maintenance Man

A motion was passed terminating at the end of January the contract between Ira Rusnell and the Village of Stouffville, which includes the office of police constable and maintenance man. However, it is expected that Mr. Rusnell will be retained as police chief, while the council will employ a full-time man, to look after road, weed and water works, a job that may be combined with that of Cemetery caretaker which is vacant.

Councillor Smits asked if the job

Cpl. Bell Back from Italy

Cpl. Clare Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bell of Stouffville is back from Overseas, and will shortly be found actively engaged with his father again in the implement business. Since he left town Bell & Son have erected a nice new show room one door east of the Baptist church to take care of the needs of this steadily increasing agency.

Cpl. Clare Bell was with the Canadians through Italy, and wrote home some of the best descriptive letters shown this paper. Clare was with the clerical staff, of course, and his typewriter stood him in good stead. His sister Grace, who was also overseas and returned, has just come through a major operation, but is now well on the way to recovery.

NEW ELECTRIC STORE

On Saturday, this week Byer & Son will open their new modern equipped electric store next the town clock. This will be a General Electric store handling refrigerators, radios, and all electric supplies, and the spacious premises with its attractive new front will be ideal for such a business. We welcome the new store to the business life of Stouffville. Note—The store will not open until 7 p.m.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hockley of Claremont, Ontario, wish to announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Mildred Alfretta, to Cpl. Ernest J. Mayes, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mayes of West Hartlepool, England. The marriage to take place quietly in December.

of Memorial Park caretaker, could not be combined in the contract, but it was contended that the cemetery position, plus the streets and waterworks, would be all a man could handle.

It was pointed out by Councillor Button that the maximum work at the cemetery and park comes at the same time which, he contended would prove too big a job.

Councillor Hugh Boyd, on behalf of the Christmas Horse Show Committee, asked for a donation from the council and a motion carried to grant the Show \$15.00.

The only other business at this final meeting of the 1945 council included the passing of a number of routine accounts.

Interesting New Industry Locating in Markham Twp.

ham and Unionville frequently make enquiry about the large frame building being erected just west of the 7th concession on the former Empringham farm, and this induced 'The Tribune' to investigate. The large new structure nearing completion is none other than a new industry moving out from Toronto and engaged in the manufacturing of sporting goods of the heavy type.

Mr. J. A. Matson, president of the company and chief directing head, let us know that the firm has been operating on Church street in Toronto, with about 30 employees, but when operations are started in Markham on No. 7 Highway about ten or twelve employees will be required, since some lines now being made will be discontinued. This does not by any means, indicate that the company is contracting, for in another year, other big developments may be expected.

The company turns out gymnasium equipment, play ground, track and field sports materials. A line of looms will be installed in the new factory which will be used in the making of nets and other sporting material of this type. The company also turn out equipment used in the University of Toronto and other colleges. They hope to be installing their machinery ready for operating within two weeks, Mr. Matson said.

Within a year a new feature will be undertaken when a folk school will be organized much as those familiar to the Danish people and more recently started in England. This is really a cultural school for adults, and should prove a very timely and appreciated educational venture in Canada. Mr. Matson, it might be said, has been director of physical education for 20 years, hence his knowledge is widespread, which, combined with his executive ability, makes him an ideal individual to undertake this development.

The new factory, just being completed is ideally located on an attractive mound of land that will be graded and improved next spring to the state of a real beauty spot. For the folk school contemplated in another year, there will still be another large building erected.

Local Farmers Win Ribbons at Ont. Royal

At least three farmers from west of town were among the exhibitors at the Ontario Winter Provincial Live Stock Show in Toronto. From George Rodanz Ringwood Farms show Herefords were sent to the show ring, and five of them carried off prizes, winning a first, second, third, fourth, and fifth.

George Talbot sent down two animals also—Herefords and won a second prize, while Ross E. Ratcliff showed one Hereford and won an 8th prize.

Strange as it may seem Mr. Talbot sold the steer for which he did not get a prize at 18 cents a pound as against 17 1/4 for his prize animal. Mr. Ratcliff sold to Canada Packers for 15 cents a pound, while the Rodanz winners ranged in prize from 16c to 21c.

The group championship steer of the show coming from another part of Ontario was bid to 80 cents a pound, Canada Packers being the buyers.

War Science Aids Today's Farmers

M.F. Cockburn, District Representative of the Dept. of Agriculture was listened to with keen interest on Monday evening as he addressed the Lions Club of Stouffville following their supper meeting at the Mayfair. He traced the progress of agriculture to its present development, and recited some of the pests that might have made it impossible to grow certain crops had it not been for science items largely developed during the war and for war purposes, now turned to this peace-time pursuit.

Mr. Cockburn was introduced by Lion Fred Timbers of Whitchurch. The Club decided during their business session to lend financial assistance to the youthful hockey club to the extent of \$150. President Tim O'Neill presided.