



Pre-Christmas Fruit Specials

ORANGES
New Crop California Navels, dozen 20c. Even better value by the crate, size 392's \$6.00

TANGERINES
Peel like a glove and a wonderful flavour, 2 doz. 29c. buy them by the crate, size 242's \$2.75

Don't fail to take advantage of these exceptionally good values and give your family plenty of these delicious and healthful fruits. Much better for the kiddies than candy—and cheaper too.

CHRISTMAS NUTS

Walnuts — Almonds — Filberts — Pecans

Ratcliff & Co.

Town Delivery

Phone 198

TRULY A HOME PRINT NEWSPAPER

All the picture illustrations in this issue of The Tribune were cast on the premises, prepared from illustrations from a Chicago house skilled in drawing such pictures, indicating latest styles for this season, and covering the goods that are available in the local stores. This service is appreciated by the merchants, whom it will be seen take full advantage of it.

There are 2,500 copies of this 14-page issue turned off the press which should give an excellent coverage of the district.

If you wish Christmas greetings extended next week, contact the newspaper office at once.

FREE HELP WORTH HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS GIVEN MERCHANT FOLLOWING BIG FIRE

Now and again the people of this district have an opportunity to display those sterling qualities so outstanding in the pioneer folk to this district, in their neighborliness in time of trouble. Last Saturday no less than 40 willing helpers assembled at the site of the Offen store fire at Cedar Grove in readiness to clean up the debris, and render such other help as could be given. This turnout of helpers followed the presence of some 60 on Wednesday and 50 or thereabout on Friday. The site is now almost ready for a new superstructure in the form of a new store and dwelling house to replace that which was burned.

The Offen families are loud in their praise for the way folk turned out to help them. Mr. Offen said friends even brought clothing, food, money, and the labor of their hands which could scarcely be measured in dollars, and they are anxious that the press make known their heartfelt appreciation for all that has been done. Help came from as far as Stouffville, Agincourt, and Mr. Offen estimated that their labors, if reckoned in cash, would be at least \$600.

The Offen merchants are carrying on business in a temporary manner from the cellar of the place just across from the old store, and next spring a new structure will go up to serve the needs of the district.

Council Shocked at Hasty Annexation by Newmarket

Reeve Leary and members of Whitchurch Council termed the action of the Ontario Municipal Board as hurried and hasty when a letter was read appraising them that the Board had confirmed the request of ratepayers on a street adjacent to Newmarket, and of the Newmarket Town Council to have the said street annexed to Newmarket. Council contemplated offering some resistance to the move. The annexation the Board stated would be effective as from Dec. 31, 1945 at midnight. "High Hat piece of business" was the way Reeve Leary criticised the matter, which now seems to be closed.

W. S. Gibson & Son, surveyors, submitted a blue print of a subdivision for Lake Simcoe Ice Co., but no action was taken at this time.

The Dept. of Highways notified council that permission was approved by them whereby \$1500 additional may be spent on roads bringing the total appropriation for 1945 to \$21,500.

Mr. Elmer Starr, weed inspector, said the municipality would help his work a great deal if they cut the weeds on the roadside.

"When I press a private owner to cut his weeds, he invariably points to the neglected weeds along the roads," said Mr. Starr.

With more help available in the future, this is expected to improve.

No action was taken on request from the Aurora High School Board which asked council to join in urging the County Council to define the limits of the Aurora High School area in accordance with the plan of the Dept. of Education.

Deputy Reeve Evans said he would like to have the facts clearly as to the township's position in the matter before he was in a position to vote.

The County Treasurer reminded council that the county levy of \$18,969.91 would fall due on Dec. 20. Treasurer John Crawford said the item would be attended to as usual before the due date.

A strip of land bordering the west shore of Lake Musselman was expropriated by bylaw passed at this meeting. The land in question lies between the water's edge and the roadway, at lot 18, and has been the subject of legal action in the past.

Ed. McNally and Milford Rose told the council that they had been taxed \$7.56 and \$5.16 respectively for road oil at Lake Musselman, whereas they were led to believe the maximum cost would be not more than \$1.50 per property.

Clerk Crawford explained the apportionment of cost was made on an assessment basis so that those who benefited but did not live directly on the main road, oiled would share the cost. Half was paid by the area and half by the township.

On three or four farms affected the basis seemed unjust in the opinion of councillors and a resolution was passed reducing those affected to a payment of \$2.00 each.

A grant of \$10.00 was made to the Stouffville Horse Show on motion of Councillors Logan and Harper.

Councillors Harper and McLaughlin moved the following resolution which was carried: "That the council confirm the resolution passed at a joint meeting with the council of Uxbridge Township agreeing to the permanent apportionment of the townline east, beginning at lots 18-19, with Uxbridge, maintaining the south end and Whitchurch the north end.

And that no expenditure exceeding \$200 be made without the consent of both councils.

A WORD TO THE MERCHANT

Stouffville is the trading centre for a population of from 8,000 to 10,000 people, well-to-do farmers for the most part. Are you Mr. Merchant sharing in the trade of as many as you wish of this number of people. Possibly you are for the amount of goods you are able to procure at this time, but let's look to the future. Keep your name prominently before your trading area, so that the buyers will first think of your store when goods in your line are wanted in the home.

No better advertising medium is available than through the columns of The Tribune with its large circulation. No paper is more thoroughly read either, all of which is to the advantage of the advertiser. Now is the time to make a New Year resolve respecting bettering your advertising showing in 1946.

GORMLEY

Mrs. E. Jones visited with Miss Stella Heise for dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leek of Headford had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Leek.

Mr. Joseph Hunt of Leacross, Sask., is spending the winter months at the home of his brother Mr. E. Hunt.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly on the birth of their son, Walter John.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansbridge of Richmond-Hill had supper on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doner.

Miss Jean Sider of Toronto spent the weekend with her parents here.

We sincerely regret to report the loss to our community of Mrs. Helen Henry who has returned to Toronto to live with her father. The Henry home has been sold to Mr. Joseph Sider.

The Gormley Quartette were guest singers in special services at Colborne last Sunday.

WHITEVALE

The Whitevale Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Grant Van Blaricon on Wednesday afternoon, December 12. Mrs. John McLachlan was the guest speaker. The Institute held their meeting one week earlier, due to so many Christmas demands.

Several residents of the village are suffering from an epidemic of stomach trouble and have been placed on a strict diet by their physicians.

On Sunday evening, December 16, Green River Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock there will be a candlelight service.

The bazaar sponsored by the women's association of the Whitevale United Church on Saturday afternoon realized over \$200. The bazaar was opened by Rev. John McLachlan, and near the end of the afternoon Mr. Gardham of Markham acted as auctioneer and things were sold at a merry pace.

The sympathy of the Whitevale community is extended to Mrs. W. Milne and her family of Green River in the recent loss of husband and father. Mr. Milne passed away quite suddenly.

The annual Christmas concert given by the pupils of the Whitevale public school was splendid this year, and was held Friday evening. Each child knew his or her part to perfection. Collection of \$30 for the Evening Telegram Fund.

"White Gift Service" will be observed by the first Baptist Church Sabbath School on Sunday morning, December 16.

The children of the First Baptist Church Sunday School as well as their parents and friends are eagerly looking forward to their Christmas party which is being held in

the I.O.O.F. Hall on Friday evening, December 21. Come along at seven o'clock and enjoy the party.

The Whitevale United Church had a representative from the Home Mission Board, speaking to the congregation last Sunday evening. With him he brought moving pictures and showed them, which contributed toward telling how home mission work is accomplished in a vast territory.

The B.Y.F.U. thoroughly enjoyed their badminton and volley ball session on Saturday evening last in the I.O.O.F. hall. We believe they are to take on visiting teams in these games.

GOODWOOD

Jack Baston of Houston, Texas, is on a vacation here visiting his brothers Fred and Percy. Jack and Fred made a trip to Head Lake.

Another soldier has returned, this time Pte. Earl McDonald, son of Mr. Alfred McDonald. Earl made the trip across in the Elizabeth, and was met by his father and sisters in Toronto, and then he was escorted to the home of his uncle Distin here, where he noted the residence attractively decorated to mark the home-coming. He was away four years.

A committee has been set up whose duty it will be to lay plans for a reception to our returned men. More doing after the holiday season.

We regret the passing of William Wilkinson this Wednesday morning. He was a true supporter of Goodwood and did much to advance its interests. Further obituary elsewhere in this issue.

The Tribune makes an ideal Christmas Gift.

The Church Services

CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN

Rev. F. Herman, Rector
Sunday, December 16
Sunday School 2.00 p.m.
Evensong 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert to be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Dixon, Main street, Dec. 18th, 8 o'clock.
Visitors Always Welcome.

SECOND MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Norman Rowan, Pastor
Sunday, December 16
9.55 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship

If you want to be distressed, look within
If you want to be defeated, look back
If you want to be distracted, look around
If you want to be dismayed, look before

If you want to be delighted, look up
If you want to be delivered, look to Christ
Therefore I will look unto the Lord
Micah 7:7

GORMLEY and BETHESDA MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. F. Huson, Pastor
BETHESDA
Sunday, December 16
Preaching service 7.30 p.m.

GORMLEY
Sunday, December 16
2 p.m.—Sunday School
Young Peoples' service 7.30.

MENNONITE CHURCHES

DICKSON HILL and MT. JOY
Rev. S. S. Shantz, Minister
Sunday, December 16

MOUNT JOY
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Divine Worship
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Monday, 6.45 p.m.—Sunshine Gospel Band

DICKSON'S HILL

Sunday, December 16
10.00 a.m.—Divine Worship
11.00 a.m.—Sunday School
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Monday 8 p.m.—Young People's Meeting

MELVILLE, BETHESDA AND PEACH'S CHURCHES

Rev. R. T. Chapin, Minister
Sunday, December 16
Worship Service

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| Peaches | 10.00 a.m. |
| Melville | 11.30 a.m. |
| Bethesda | 3.00 p.m. |
| Sunday School | |
| Peaches | 11.15 a.m. |
| Melville | 10.30 a.m. |
| Bethesda | 2.00 p.m. |

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Douglas Davis, Minister.
Sunday, December 16
10 a.m. Sunday School White Gifts.
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.
White Gift Service

7.30 p.m.—The Christmas Crusade
This Christmas Pageant will combine the theme of The Crusade for Christ with the Christmas Scene at Bethlehem.

Wednesday, December 12—The Garrett Evening Auxilliary will meet at the home of Miss G. Todd.

W.A. at Mrs. K. G. Tarr's on Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19—The Sunday School Christmas Party. Supper served at 6 o'clock. Program of carols and hymns at 7.30 p.m. Mrs. Huson of Gormley will present the Christmas story in Scene-O-Graph.

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. D. Macgregor, Pastor
Sunday, December 16
10.00 a.m.—Bible School.
Classes for all ages.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7.30 p.m.—The Most Thrilling Rescue in Human History. When was it? How was it accomplished.

Monday, Dec. 17th—The Annual Bible School Christmas Supper and entertainment. Supper 6.30 p.m. Entertainment 8 p.m. Parents and friends invited.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. Prayer service.

BLOOMINGTON, RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Rev. G. W. Brown, Pastor
Sunday, December 16
11 a.m.—Bloomington.

2.30 p.m.—Ringwood
7.30 p.m.—Altona
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
In Altona Church at 10.30

Children's meeting in Ringwood church, Monday 7 p.m.
Bloomington C.E. Bible Study Friday, 8 p.m.

Ringwood C.E. Prayer Meeting Monday, 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. O. Halstead.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE

Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, Minister
Sunday, December 16

1.30 p.m.—Sabbath School and Bible Class, also Young People's Bible Class with the Minister.
2.30 p.m.—Divine Worship.

"LEAVING CHRIST OUT OF CHRISTMAS"

Would you like to be forgotten on your birthday?
7.30 p.m.—Special Evening Service "BE READY — FOR WHAT?"

For Death or What? What may be the next world shaking event in God's program?
The Gormley Male Quartette will sing at this service.

STOUFFVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

Rev. E. Moyer, Pastor
Sunday, December 16

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic

Thursday Eve—Prayer Meeting
Next Week
Monday Eve—Young Peoples Meeting
Wednesday Eve—Altona Prayer Meeting

Sunday Eve, Dec. 23rd—A Christmas Missionary Program will be given by the Sunday School. Special offering for European Relief.

STOUFFVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Charles Montgomery, Pastor
Miss Nora Stapleton, Organist
Sunday, December 16

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7.30 p.m.—Gospel Service

Friday 7 p.m.—Children's Meeting
Friday, 8 p.m.—Christian Endeavour
The Christian Church Christmas concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 20th at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Don Ratcliff will give a special Christmas message using the Scene-O-Felt pictures. Special music and singing.

CHURCH HILL
Sunday, December 16
2.00 p.m.—Bible School
3.00 p.m.—Divine Worship

Friday, 4.30 p.m.—Children's meeting at Mrs. Forfar's house
The Children's Christmas concert will be held Friday, Dec. 21st at 8 o'clock.

Announcing the OPENING of OUR NEW GENERAL ELECTRIC APPLIANCE STORE

DECEMBER 15th

As an authorized dealer for General Electric Appliances we will open our new store on December 15th. A full line of G-E quality products will be carried, and although some are available now in only small quantities, more and more are assured during the coming months.

In addition, service facilities are offered for the handling of repair and maintenance work on household electrical appliances of all kinds. This includes proper equipment as well as a range of replacement parts.

You are cordially invited to call in to get acquainted with the new electrical headquarters—and to place an order for the earliest possible delivery of new G-E Appliances for your home.

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