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Mrs. Elon Hoover and her husband, Vittorio, in the Hamilton district, have been married 70 years. They are Canada's longest



married couple and both are 53 years of age. It is believed that they are connected with the Hoover clan about Stouffville away back in the earlier records of the Hoovers. Here Mr. Hoover is playing solitaire with his grandson David Reeves.

## Whitchurch Objects to Insinuations of Negligence in Providing Fire Protection

Whitchurch Township Council instructed their clerk to make reply to the alleged inference published in the Newmarket Era last week to the effect that the council had been negligent in their duty in respect to providing proper fire protection for the residents of the north west section adjacent to Newmarket. The municipality has a contract with the Aurora fire department to cover the area, and members said that a similar arrangement might have been made with Newmarket but that place was not interested until after the Aurora deal.

Said one member, "the fire to which the newspapers made reference was an unfortunate affair, but no fire brigade could have done more than Aurora, since the house in question was gutted before any alarm was sent in." Aurora brigade responded promptly.

Clerk Crawford was instructed to make reply, on motion of Councillor L.J. Harper, explaining the situation regarding attempted negotiations with the town of Newmarket in the past.

"Another motion offered by Mr. Harper authorized the reeve to sign the request of Aurora High School Board asking the county council to define the Aurora H.S. area in accordance with the Dept. of Education.

Deputy Reeve Evans submitted a resolution authorizing the clerk to make application for two elderly men of the municipality to be admitted to the York County Home.

The War Assets Commission submitted a list of goods for sale by tender after January 2nd, next, including cranes, shovels, and tractors.

The treasurer reported that with the payment of about \$250 in road accounts there was still a balance of about \$800 in the appropriation that

## "Robbing the Cradle" for Children's Appeal

Authorities here are wondering if the recent raids on local clothes lines are indirectly caused by the dire shortage of children's underwear. Anyway, raiding clothes lines is something new for Stouffville, yet it has happened twice within recent weeks.

At one residence children's vests and a quantity of diapers were taken during the dark hours of the night, while at another home a child's coat and underwear with long legs were removed from a line in the rear yard of the home. The mother in this latter case told us the clothing had hung out for three days, because unfavorable weather failed to dry the garments. In future she promises herself that such garments will not be left on the line overnight, not while there is such a shortage of children's goods at any rate.

When thieves resort to stealing napkins and vests meant for newly born babes, it is a simple act of "robbing the cradle," and the perpetrator, if caught, would be awfully ashamed of such a charge being laid, we imagine.

is unexpended. Recently the budget was enlarged by \$1800 and approved by the Dept. of Highways. The total spent on roads this year is \$20,880.67 which included a big item for snow plowing last winter.

Reeve Leary presided over the meeting which marked his final day in this capacity, unless of course, some emergency meeting became necessary before Dec. 31. All members were present including Deputy Reeve Evans, Councillors Logan, and McLaughlin.

## Poultry Scarce for Christmas Market

Never was poultry so scarce on a Christmas market day in Stouffville as was the case on Wednesday morning. There was not even an abundance of chickens, and turkeys were almost entirely lacking.

Places like Ratcliff's where considerable tonnage of poultry is usually to be found on Christmas market day, there was only a few hundred pounds. Prices ruled at ceiling high throughout. Turkeys 46c. pound, geese 33c., ducks 36c. and chickens around 34c.

Mr. Coates from Mount Albert brought in the largest turkey weighing 32 pounds. The big tom was too large for the average oven, but it was soon resold by O'Boyle's meat market where the Coates turkeys were sold. If ceiling was paid by the meat market this big bird would have brought over \$14. O'Boyle's purchase of turkeys was outstanding and exceeded anything else.

One explanation for the shortage of fowl is that at least two local plants are operating here taking in upwards of 1,000 chickens each week to be put over the plucking machines, and this has a tendency to deplete the market supply normally expected on a Christmas market day.

**DEALER PASSES ON**  
Prominent in the business life of Uxbridge for many years, William H. Smith, implement agent, died at his home there on Saturday, Dec. 15th, in his 85th year. Interment was made at Prince Albert cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

**HOME FROM SASKATCHEWAN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Anderson of Filmore, Sask., are in town visiting at the home of his brother Hugh on Blake street. Mr. Anderson farms over 900 acres, mostly wheat. For Christmas it is expected that the five Anderson brothers will have dinner together, the first time in a good many years. They are Will and Ira from Port Perry, Sam of Uxbridge, and the two previously mentioned, Ross and Hugh.

## Decision Reserved in \$10,000 Claremont Court Action

Hearing of an appeal by Robert G. Roy, of Toronto and Claremont, against a Whitby judgment of Justice LeBel and a jury by which \$10,000 damages were awarded to Alfred Mowder, Claremont storekeeper, on his damages claim for alienation of his wife's affection, closed on Friday by the Court of Appeal reserving judgment.

Justice Henderson asked Arthur G. Slight, K.C., for his views on reassessment of damages. "My client, Mr. Roy, would prefer a new trial to clear his name of this stigma," answered counsel. "I feel that justice would be better served by a new trial."

The case has already gone through two assize court trials, both at Whitby. The award was \$10,000 in each trial. One of the grounds of the appeal was that Roy was the victim of "a plot" by Mowder, and another was that the trial judge had not put the case to the jury in a way that would enable the jurors to understand fully the law and evidence in the case.

**MAKING RECOVERY**  
Henry Widdifield, road superintendent for the Township of Whitchurch, who recently underwent an operation at York County Hospital, is doing nicely, and showing real improvement in his condition.

## Mongolia Farm Sold

John Brignall of Kinsale last week purchased the Douglas Booth farm of 129 acres at Mongolla, being lots 26 and 28, concession 10, Markham. The sale price was reported to be \$10,000.

The farm is well equipped with hydro, and other conveniences throughout. It has been tenanted by the Booths for 13 years, and for a short time prior to that by Mr. and Mrs. Fielding who moved to Aurora. The owner was Mr. A. E. Gray of Aurora.

## Mrs. Lloyd Brown Passes in 50th Year

News of the death of Mrs. Lloyd Brown who recently moved to Toronto and was living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dale Sallows, on Monday, came with surprise and regret to the many friends in and about Stouffville. The family until very recently lived on the 10th concession at Gravel Hill. Mrs. Brown was in her 50th year, and although in delicate health for some time, her condition was not without hope.

Born in Ireland, her maiden name was Nora Boullen, and besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Elsie, (Mrs. Sallows), Lillian, (Mrs. Arthur Johnson) and Miss Zella Brown, also three sisters, two living in Toronto and one at Windsor. She had been married 25 years.

The funeral today (Thursday) will proceed to Pine Hills cemetery for interment.

## Power Line Must Go Through

The new hydro power line from Barrie to Scarborough is being pressed forward. A right of way through Whitchurch passes over the farms along the third concession four or five miles north of Gormley and south close to the hamlet.

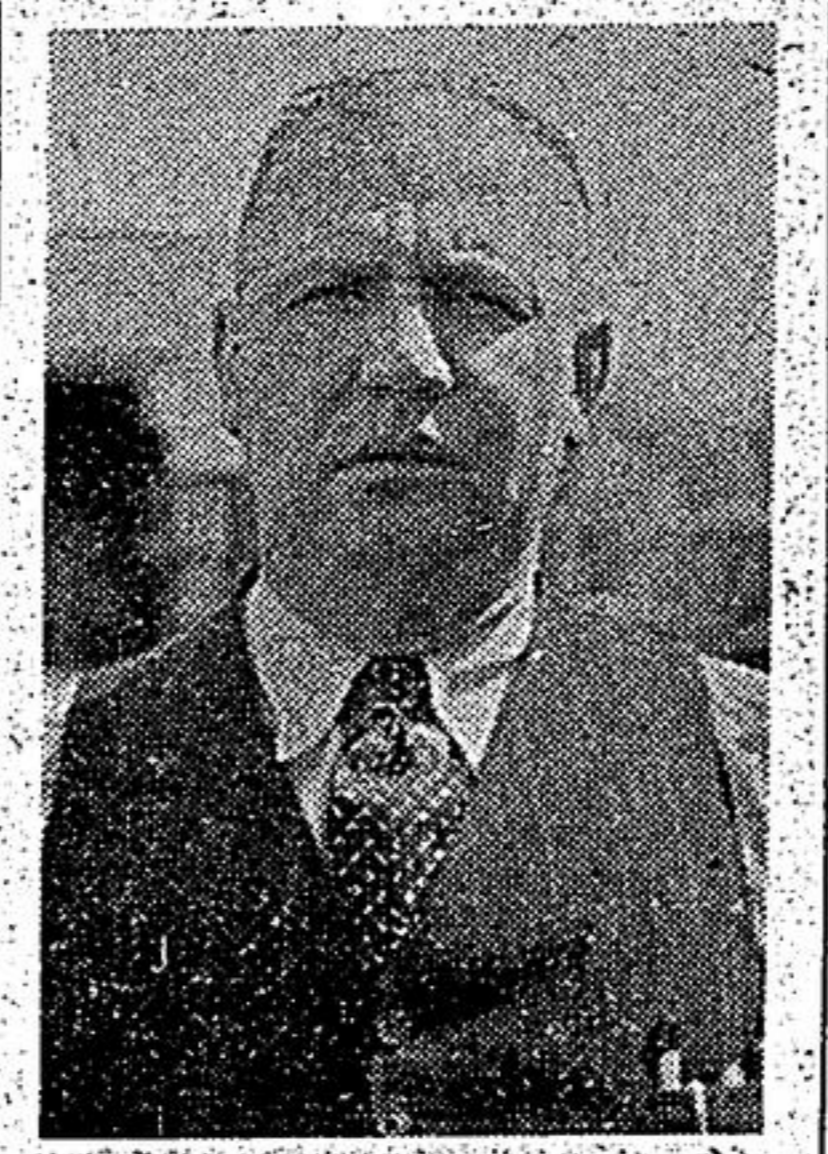
Where a hydro tower is located on a farm the H.E.P.C. compensates the farmer \$175 per tower, which is very good, unless the tower lands right in the centre of a farm wood lot. Such is the case on at least one farm.

The owner pleaded that if the swamp, for it is swamp, more or less, is denuded of trees it would dry up the source of the farmer's water supply. Notwithstanding, the engineers affirmed that there could be no deviation, and the wood lot is to be wiped out. However, the farmer is promised an undertaking that whereby should the water supply be curtailed in a few years as a result of the trees being cut, he will be further compensated by the H.E.P.C.

The new power line from the north will join the Niagara system in Scarborough township, so that power from the two systems may be interchangeable.

## Chas. Cooper Re-elected President

Immediate prosperity for the farm implement industry seems assured, but prospects for delivery of needed tools to farmers are un-



Charles Cooper

certain, Murray Knox of Beatty Brothers, Ltd., Fergus, told members of the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealer's Association in convention. The industry is backed by a substantial war-bred backlog of orders, he said, but labor unrest, especially in the automotive industry which supplies implement makers with parts clouds the crystal when any attempt is made to look into the future. Especially unsettling, he added, was the United States steel strike, called for Jan. 14.

Officers elected were: President, C.A. Cooper, Claremont; vice-presidents, S. W. Farrell, Ottawa; A. L. Thompson, Chatham, secretary-treasurer, W. J. Dryden, Toronto. Directors: Howard Hyde, Walter Elliott, J. C. Malloy, A. Wood, J. Bothwick, W.A. Kaufman, J. A. McIntyre, R.A. McDonald.

## Retiring Reeve Honored by his Council Colleagues

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leary Presented With Remembrances

Taken so completely by surprise that he was visibly affected by the gesture, Reeve George Leary was presented with a cane, also a beautiful basket of flowers for Mrs. Leary by the council and its ex-reeve C.E. Toole on Saturday afternoon at the conclusion of the 1945 sessions.

Deputy Reeve L.P. Evans said in making the presentation that it was with regret the retirement of Mr. Leary was learned. He had served faithfully for 17 years in the council. Not always were the members in agreement, but one thing that could be said for the retiring reeve, he never held animosity, and differences were soon forgotten by him. The Deputy Reeve expressed the hope that Mr. Leary would find the gift a remembrance of many pleasant memories of his long term of office. The flowers were in appreciation of the good will of Mrs. Leary who "must have made many sacrifices in order that her husband might serve."

The veteran reeve Mr. Leary said he found it difficult to make reply, and said that words simply were inadequate to express his feelings. His retirement, he said, was due to his state of health which had not been too good for a couple of years. He paid tribute to the good spirit that had prevailed among the councillors, and the splendid work of the clerk and treasurer John Crawford.

Councillor Ed. Logan said that at times he feared he had been a "lone wolf," but differences never upset the harmony of the council. In speaking of the next year, Mr. Logan said: "We regret the retirement of Mr. Leary, and we realize that our deputy reeve will aspire to the office, in which event I shall be a candidate for the position of Deputy Reeve." Mr. Logan has been on the council six years. Mr. Les. Harper said that he had been a member of council three years and had never missed a meeting. He said he would make no decision about next year at this time. Ivan McLaughlin, who is just completing his first year on the council likewise said he had not made any decision about what he might do next year about staying on the council or retiring. Both-



George Leary

speakers paid tribute to Mr. Leary and his long service.

The township clerk Mr. Crawford stated that the financial picture was very bright in Whitchurch and congratulated the council on their foresight in placing an order for a new road grader. The township has over 2,000 tax payers, he said, indicating the steady growth through newcomers to the municipality.

Ex-warden Earl Toole said he was not present to make a speech, but wished to be on hand to witness the presentation to an old colleague in council. The council, he said, had a record to be proud of and every member was entitled to serve again. It was with regret that the municipality was losing Mr. Leary in public office, yet he said he wanted to commend him for carrying out his pledge made a year ago.

A. V. Nolan responded for the press.

## LARGE PULLET FRUIT

Mr. Martin Tait, Mill street, has a six-months old pullet of which he is very proud. This week it presented him with an egg 8 1/4 x 6 1/4, a big double yoke worthy of a much older bird.

## Learn of Son's Murder at Hands of Germans

The revolting fact that 125 Canadians were shot down by the Germans around Caen last August after the lads had surrendered, has recently come to light, and one of the victims was Charles Henry Jones of Whitchurch township, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry Jones. The unfortunate lad was born at Mount Albert, and enlisted when only 17 while working in Toronto. He was only 18 when his life was taken so unfairly.

"We were notified months ago that our boy was presumed dead, and last night an officer from Newmarket came to tell us the real circumstances of his death, because he said the news would be published and we should know in advance," said Mrs. Jones to The Tribune reporter who walked in half a mile from the Newmarket-Vivian road on a seldom used road to reach the home of the parents located on the 7th concession right at the northwest corner of the Vivian forest. No traffic passes the door since the concession line is not open a half mile south of the Vivian-Newmarket road. Despite the loneliness many people would experience living in this spot, it possesses a delightful wooded scenery. The Jones have five acres, can obtain lots of wood, and keep a few chickens. Mr. Jones is a pensioner of the first great war, and he and Mrs. Jones love their tidy home with its rustic setting.

The mother told how their son was anxious to join up, and went to Brantford for training as an anti-tank gunner. He was sent to England after six months, and there volunteered as a reinforcement for the Winnipeg Rifles just after Normandy. Shortly after, he was captured and met death at the hands of his assassins.

"Will you have any claim on the German government for what they permitted?" was a question put to Mrs. Jones who said they had not thought of it, and a yway money could never recompense them for their loss.

"Henry was a lovely boy. He stood six foot and weighed 160 pounds," she said, as she brought out his photograph on our request for a picture.

Another son Bert is still in England as a cook at Aldershot, and may be home later this winter, which will be a bright spot in the lives of the two parents.



Henry and Bert Jones, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, 7th con., Whitchurch. Henry was one of the 124 Canadians shot after they surrendered a dastardly act just recently discovered during investigations in France. Picture shows the unfortunate lad with head bared, accompanied by his brother Bert wearing the beret.

## Factory Operations by Mid February

The J.B. Home Manufacturing Co. expect to be operating their Stouffville plant by the middle of February, and in the meantime prospective employees may contact the company at their Toronto plant at 99-101 Queen street east.

Mr. J.B. Home was in town a few days ago, and expressed satisfaction at the progress being made in the Ratcliff block with the installation of an oil heating plant and a special line of hydro that will be especially adapted to the use of this company.

Female help is being sought to operate the sewing machines, and working conditions will be ideal, with nice hours and congenial employment, such as should prove most desirable. The company is engaged in the manufacture of children's wear. From the enquiries being received it is possible that a number of girls now finding employment in the city will prefer to secure employment where they can be at or near home. A number of girls from the country have been making enquiries as well.

## CHILDREN'S SKATE

Stouffville Lions Club is providing a free skating party for all the children in and around town, on the afternoon of Dec. 26, at the local rink. Come on children!

## Local Junior O.H.A. Entry Takes to the Ice this Week

Hockey Committee Hopes to Have League Divided to Overcome Long Trips

Coach "Ike" Harper trotted his Junior O.H.A. entry onto the local ice for the first time this week, and by the turn of the year hopes to have pared down the large group trying out with the team, to the best-working combination. The league is scheduled to begin early in January and must declare winners by March 1st.

At a meeting held on Wednesday evening, a committee was formed to take charge of the Stouffville entry, and they in turn selected the following officers: president, Blake Sanders; secy-treas., Bruce Clark; coach, Bruce Harper; committee members, Bob Snowball, Claude Brillinger, Ken Laushway, Chas. Nolan.

One of the main stumbling blocks which has arisen since the club was formed is the group as set up by the O.H.A. and which takes in no less than eight clubs, some nearly a hundred miles away. Stouffville is desirous into splitting the group into two sections as follows: a southern group of Stouffville, Uxbridge, Port Perry, and Whitby; and a northern section of Port Hope, Peterboro, Lindsay and Lakefield. Officials are hoping to iron out this difference this week.

Markham will play in a six-team Junior 'B' group, comprised of Oshawa, University of Toronto, Scarboro, Richmond Hill, Toronto, Chapmans and Markham.

## Bakers' Sweetener Enters New Home

George E. Baker, manufacturing chemist, who developed a substantial business in town over recent years, especially for Baker's Sweetener, which has helped out so much in many homes and bake shops during the sugar shortage, has a new home, and is now being made and sold from the premises opposite the Baptist church, at corner of Main street and O'Brien avenue.

The old building, half of which is occupied by John Monkhouse, tailor, is fast being remodelled, and while there is yet much to do, Mr. Baker is now located there, and is serving his customers even better than before.

Facilities permit of an enlarged output for his product, and this is essential since Baker's Sweetener is being shipped in barrel lots for Toronto bakeries. The upper part of the building, once a dwelling has had all the partitions removed, and will provide a chemist's laboratory, also store room for containers.

In bringing this building up to condition again, Mr. Baker is rendering the town as well as himself a good service, for once it is remodelled it will be an asset to the Main street at this location.