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STOUFFVILLE

Markham School Board has Elaborate Building Plans

Plans are completed for a new high school at Markham, and have been submitted by the architect, and we understand, approved by the Department of Education. The new school will be a most elaborate affair, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 or more. The school board at Markham has been working on the idea for some time, and are now said to be ready to submit their ideas to the ratepayers. The question of course, will not be voted on this year, since it is too late now for January elections, but a special vote could be taken any time, or it may be possible for the Board of Education to assume the responsibility without reference to the ratepayers, which however, is hardly likely, in view of the size of the undertaking. Encouragement to spend \$200,000 exclusive of grounds, is given impetus by the fact of the liberal grants now available from the Ontario government. Extensive adult education classes are planned. Building will contain nine class rooms, science laboratory, library, classrooms, art room, home economics, manual training, agriculture classes, gymnasium and separate auditorium seating 700.

Don't Have Water Freezeups

If you are going away from home for several days be sure to arrange with someone to keep the home fires burning, so that the pipes will not freeze up, or see to it that the water pipes are properly drained if fires are allowed to go out. Most readers will regard this warning as quite unnecessary, but in the light of what has recently happened it might prove helpful to some. For instance, one householder drained the system, but did not drain the traps under the sink or in the bathroom, nor did they put coal oil in them, with the result that there was dire trouble. Still another householder who left town a couple of weeks ago, and is still away, failed to even shut the water off. The landlord later called at the home, and then reported to the authorities that he feared his tenant had not shut the water off. A skeleton key was obtained and on entrance to the house it was found that the worst fears of the landlord were well founded. The lady had gone away without any thought about things freezing up, with the result that the whole system was well frozen. The water was at once shut off at the street line and what kind of a plumbing job will have to be done inside is not yet known. The house is a small one and vulnerable to the cold, since it is a rather light frame. There is a shut-off in the basement of every home and this is not difficult to turn off, but that, as most people know, is not enough to do if a freeze up is to be avoided. It is well to get an experienced hand or a plumber to attend this detail in case you are leaving home.

CHARLES REED, DIES SUDDENLY IN 38th YEAR

Charles Reed died suddenly at his home Yonge Street north of Aurora, on Wednesday, Dec. 12th. Deceased was born at Glasgow, Ont., when his parents resided on the farm just east of Glasgow hill on the sideroad near the mill, but the family left there when Charles was quite young, to live near Aurora. He was a wheelwright and mechanic. During the first world war he served with the American army. He was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Toronto.

Surviving are his wife the former Ann Jenkins March and one son, Lorne. The funeral service conducted by Rev. A. Noseworthy of Toronto, was held from P. M. Thompson's funeral home. Interment was in Aurora cemetery.

LET'S HAVE ALL THE NEWS

There have been a lot of interesting holiday parties, and family gatherings during the week, and more will be held over New Years. We would appreciate it, if friends would report such matters to The Tribune. Even short mention of these happenings adds to the interest of the readers. Be sure and telephone or send in your items, or see that our rural correspondent for your area is supplied with your list if you live in the country.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

Considering the significance of the statement in this capital that "two out of every five persons reply upon export trade for opportunities of employment" in this country, this being asserted lately by a Minister of the King Cabinet, it should not be difficult to understand why the Government in Ottawa seems openly anxious about having even a temporary agreement with Great Britain since it might be weeks or months before trade talks could be accomplished between Canada and the United Kingdom. So far it has been revealed in this capital that trade discussions would follow the loan negotiations between Canada and the United Kingdom.

Official information in this capital has disclosed that to-day the Civil Service Commission, supervising a personnel now of no less than 143,000 or a little more, has created a situation whereby the Government of this country is the largest employer of labour in Canada. (There is strong demand for reduction of staff.)

Canada's Postmaster-General, Hon. Ernest Bertrand, has stated in Ottawa that wartime bonuses to rural mail carriers have been paid under the authority of the War Measures Act, where the carrier establishes the fact that operating costs have increased due to conditions which could not have been foreseen when he entered into his contract. With the end of the War Measures Act, these wartime bonuses must cease but provisions will be made to invite public tenders in each case where the carrier is not satisfied to continue at his original contract price.

Since the employment situation for veterans has been described as "more serious" in this country with official reports indicating that at least 23,000 in the latest estimates have absolutely no definite plans, it should be pointed out that in this capital it is emphasized strongly that veterans are getting their full share of all Civil Service Commission jobs available in Canada. Indeed, from January 1 to October 31 of this year, a total of 7,711 ex-members of the Canadian Armed Forces had been appointed to Government posts so that practically every opening in the public is given to a veteran wherever and whenever this is possible. In the latest report in Ottawa, it is also revealed that pre-discharge interviews in October, 1945, of 97,436 veterans, more than 54,780 had definite places for employment and 42,647 had to be provided for, though 50 per cent of these would be taken care of by vocational and university training plans. Moreover, 25,919 expected to be reinstated in their old jobs, 3,752 planned to return to their own businesses, 1,820 aimed to go back to their farms, with 3,520 men and three women indicating a desire to be established in full-time farming under the Veterans' Land Act and 7,403 men as well as 21 women intending to apply for small holdings.

Labor Minister, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, has stated in Ottawa that Federal wage control and collective bargaining legislation will be continued "for a considerable period," hinting that as far as can be seen into the future these will have to be continued, though he did add that "this period may be a year; may be less or more than a year. Then he proceeded to suggest that the war measures relating to collective bargaining and wage control, as part of the whole price control machinery, are integrated matters in Canada, with Government policy being to continue these war labour measures, until some future date they can be discontinued "without the risk of contributing to inflation."

Within a relatively short time, it is forecast in Ottawa, the familiar CWAC will disappear since there is a story that these women divisions of the armed forces are to be gradually disbanded and returned to civilian life, though originally it had been held that the CWAC would remain for a year or more after the end of the war, with the latest story being that within three months or so considerable numbers of them will be mustered out of the services, starting in large numbers in early weeks of 1946. "The atomic bomb will be child's play and the devastating effects of the new weapon would be so far beyond anything known until now that it would be possible to wipe out whole continents," said in part Canada's Deputy Minister of National Health, Major-General Brock Chisholm, during the course of an address in Ottawa. Justice Minister St. Laurent has disclosed the interesting information in Ottawa that persons sentenced to short jail terms for participation in the hectic "V-E Day" riots and celebrations that those in jail, without previous records, would be dealt with in the Christmas releases, stating that release of prisoners were much greater at Christmas and Easter than at any other time of the year. "Where has all the money gone during the war?" One answer has been given in this nation's capital with the disclosure by the Real Estate Disposal Chief of the War Assets Corporation, G. H. S. Dinsmore, who told of a landing field at Waterville, N.S., whose land originally had cost \$27,990 and expenditures for grading, smoothing, fencing, installing one runway and boring for water had amounted to no less than \$189,835. So far, he dis-

GARDINER EXPECTS MORE SUGAR BEETS

Each week additional evidence and speculation concerning sugar prices appear in Canada and the United States. Only one increase was authorized in Canada, as far as Sugar Facts can ascertain, raising the price of beet sugar about 5c a bag to the same price basis as cane.

That Canada's 1946 crop of sugar beets be 35,000 acres, is the recommendation of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference. This announcement, suggesting a 50 per cent increase above this year's beet crop, was made in the House of Commons by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture. Placing this and other crop goals, before the House, he said, "I do not know that it is correct to say that in connection with any of these estimates, we are requesting the farmers to do a certain thing. They are an indication of what we hope and expect the farmers will do." Noticeably lacking, is any mention of a program to encourage planting this additional 30,000 acres, commented a beet growers' official, who added, "The goal is fine—but impossible under the present governmental sugar policy."

Canada has factory capacity sufficient to process products of 100,000 acres, so a goal of 90,000 is feasible if an incentive program is followed similar to that of the two other partners of the Allied sugar pool.

This year, a record crop in Alberta taxed the capacity of the two sugar factories so the "expected" increase of 30,000 acres must come from Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. Each of these claim to be suffering from handicaps that can be removed only by a federal policy of genuine encouragement. Difficulties are the competition of heavily subsidized crops, a refined sugar price ceiling pegged too low and the misplacement of skilled field labor.

CHURCH HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Art Wagg of Wexford, had supper at Albert Clark's one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin, Toronto, visited his father's, Mr. Jos. Martin, on Sunday.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. H. Pegg were: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLean, Betty and Helen; Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Oldham and family; Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright; Miss Velma Pegg; Mr. Roy Flewell, also Mr. and Mrs. W. Lazenby, Miss Leone Lazenby and Mr. Leo Wagg of Stouffville. The Peggs had 13 for dinner Christmas Day.

Mr. J. Martin, Stan and Lois visited with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McLaughlin visited with his mother, Mrs. Ida McLaughlin, Toronto on Christmas Day.

Mr. Albert Clark, Marjorie and Roy spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hood, Ballantrae.

WHITEVALE

(by M. E. B.)

The Christmas dinner party held for the congregation and Sunday School of the Whitevale Baptist church last Friday evening was also the occasion of sincere welcome to Rev. H. B. Hardy, Mrs. Hardy, their two daughters and three sons. Tables decorated by red candles and large B.C. apples, were laden with platters of hot roast chicken and such other good fare every one agreed it was a most satisfying as well as a happy event, speeches by Mr. Sid Pugh, Mr. Alfred Kayes and Miss Hornshaw.

The annual business meeting of the Whitevale Baptist church will be held on the 1st Saturday evening of the New Year. This will be followed by the election of teachers and officers for the Sunday school.

Sid Pugh, secretary of the Pickering Township game committee reports that up to date he has paid the bounty on seventy-six foxes. He reminds those applying for the bounty that it will only be paid on unskinned foxes or green, unstretched pelts.

Milton Burke dressed 88 turkeys last week, some of them weighing over 26 pounds and one of them 29 pounds.

During 1945 the Donlands Dairy of Toronto has been making laboratory tests of all milk received. This community feels it an honor that Mr. Walter Booth held number one standing for all shippers last month.

closed, the best offer obtained was under \$6,000. Col. Moore Cosgrave, Canada's official representative at the signing of the official surrender of Japan on the U.S.S. Missouri, has returned to Ottawa and he has brought with him historic articles of that never-to-be-forgotten ceremony including autographed pictures of all the officials. As far as could be learned in this capital, immigration officials in Ottawa had not received any specific request for the general admission of Jews from Europe where many of these people are destitute. At the same Ottawa Letter continued time, Mrs. Lorna Orde Wingate, widow of the famous British soldier who had been killed in Burma, General Charles Orde Wingate, who served on the staff of General Dill, made a stirring appeal for the admission of the world's homeless Jews into Palestine. "I hope the door of Palestine, to 150,000 Jews, will be thrown on the waste heap," she said in part in an address in Ottawa, contending that Palestine was a Christian's problem and a problem for the whole Christian world, hoping that Britain and her Allies would back the Balfour Declaration. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board of Canada, it is reported in Ottawa, has used 565 lawyers and paid \$651,370 in legal fees in connection with prosecutions for violations of the WFTB.



Agnew's Hardware

No Demand Seen for Election in Whitchurch Twp.

While an election contest is quite possible in Whitchurch Township, there are good indications that an acclamation may be given all round. It is fairly well conceded that Deputy Reeve Lorne P. Evans will be accorded an acclamation since Reeve Leary has announced his retirement, also since Councillor Ed Logan has announced his intention to run for deputy reeveship, it rather remains with the next in line on the council in point of years service, Leslie J. Harper, to cast the die. If he permits Mr. Logan an acclamation, then there is little likelihood of a contest for council. However, Councillor Harper has not stated what he will do. Councillor Ivan McLaughlin is being persuaded to stay in the council, although he had an idea that he might retire.

If Mr. Harper remains in his present position, there will be but one vacancy to fill, caused by the step-up. Most prominently mentioned as a candidate is Fred Timbers whose name is well known all over Whitchurch, and should he stand he would undoubtedly make a good showing, his supporters are confident. If Mr. Harper opposes Mr. Logan, there will be a new face spring up from the north-west corner where they might be left without representation.

There is no outspoken demand on the part of the ratepayers for an election, and that makes it difficult for opposing candidates to bring one on. However, the candidates have the last word or rather they have the sole right to choose whether or not they will run, then the ratepayers will have the last word as to what they think about it. Our guess may be no better than any other, but we foresee an acclamation throughout the various offices.

HOW SOME PAPERS DO IT

The Guide-Advocate, the Alliston Herald and other weekly newspapers announced their decision to skip the issue of their papers between Christmas and New Years, last week.

The issue is a difficult one to get out, because of the Christmas holidays and rush of commercial work that comes in to the average newspaper office at this season. Favored with a good staff the problem has been overcome by The Tribune by just being a day late this year, but there will be no issue of the paper missed.

100 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Lucy Metherall, Little Britain, celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 12. She has relatives in Aurora.

Send The Tribune to absent friends.

BACK TO THE BOTTLE COST HIM A TOOTH

In order to get at the contents of a baby's bottle without going through the formality of drawing the fluid through the proverbial nipple, as is expected and required of the infant, John Crawford, township clerk of Whitchurch, and Dr. VanNostrand head of Christie St. Hospital, were both worried by a young farmer of the Vandorf district in a comic contest during a Christmas concert in the Vandorf hall.

For the township clerk, the thing was climaxed when in his haste he tried to bite the nipple in two in order that the milk might flow more freely, enabling him to win the prize, when he broke off a perfectly good front tooth. That wasn't so funny, but everybody rolled with laughter to see the men attempting something they no doubt could do very well in their first days, only with awkward gesture and fruitless attempts to empty even a small bottle. Somebody said the holes were plugged, and the contestants were sure such was the case. Perhaps they were. Garnet Pattenden finished first.

ALMIRA

We wish all our readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Menno Grove of Markham also Mr. and Mrs. Oran Loveless and family of Milliken spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Timbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman and family had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Eby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nigh of Springvale spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nigh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Lehman and John of Port Robinson called on friends here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sticklely had dinner Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heise of Stouffville.


Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conner on the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stewart of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter of Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yake spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gordon of Bethesda.

TO MAKE TRACTORS

Tractors will be manufactured in Brantford, Ontario, by Cockshutt Plow Co., C.G. Cockshutt, president and chairman announces. This will be the first time farm tractors have been manufactured in Canada since Massey-Harris stopped making them here about 1922, reports The Financial Post. First unit to be made will be a 2-3 plow size in two types, with all latest improvements in design and manufacture.

You'll make no mistake by seeing now about an advertising contract with The Tribune for 1946—over 7,000 readers each week.



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SELDOM SEEN

I was reading the other day, an interesting article on how they do things in Norway in municipalities like ours for keeping the peace and keeping down law costs. The electors organize a Court of Conciliation. This court of Justice of the Peace is usually a man known for his fairness and diversified experience, and general ability, the item said. "No action may be brought in the higher courts of Justice until the matter has been brought before the court of Conciliation. The procedure for this purpose is by a letter or other written communication signed by one of the disputants. The letter is delivered to the clerk of the court. If the communicant is an infant, then by some other person in their behalf.

Any person who is aggrieved by the action may also write The Justice of the Peace who fixes a date. The clerk notifies the parties, and no lawyer or other persons may be present other than those implicated. Each party tells his story. The Justice then endeavours to bring the parties together in a voluntary way. If an agreement is reached all parties sign it, and it has the same force as the highest court in the land. No appeals.

According to reports all parties are required to shake hands, sounds very nice but what effect would it have in Canada?

The claim is that hatred and strife often leads to crime, and this less costly way would eliminate that kind of it. What does the J.P.'s in his territory think of this. Old Josh is impressed, and believes it is something worth trying.

Editor's note—Our opinion is that the whole thing is just a bubble, and we doubt if any J.P.'s would want such a job. At least we know that wouldn't. We have division courts and magistrate's courts that are not very costly, although law of any kind is not usually on the bargain counter.



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