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CHURCH HILL

The Red Cross quilting will be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wm. Simpson. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright of Islington and Miss Velma Pegg of Toronto visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Pegg over the weekend.

Mr. Roy Clark took in the short course at Unionville on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

WHITEVALE

The Young People of the Whitevale Baptist Church held a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spears last Saturday and had the Young People from Green River as guests. Mr. Hardy and his eldest son, Bob, attended.

The Sunday School Room of the Baptist Church is being repaired and decorated, Mr. Chapman of Mongolia doing the work.

The Brownridge farm has recently been sold to Mr. Tapscott of Milliken who will take possession the first of April. Mr. Brownridge's sale will be towards the end of March. He hopes to take up a house in this vicinity.

The Annual Business Meeting for the library was held Saturday evening on the premises with thirteen of the 43 members present. The librarian's report of the number of books, and magazines that have been taken out shows that good use is being made of the library by a number of people but it is felt not enough residents are taking advantage of such a splendid service as this good library offers. Rev. MacLachlan proposes that a drive be made for new members and offered a plan which was adopted.

A framed photograph of Mr. Hugh Pugh was hung upon a wall in his memory and a tribute to his unceasing contribution of services to the library was read by Mrs. Brownridge. The following members compose the Board of Officers for 1946: President, Mrs. J.A. Pugh; Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Brownridge; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Howard Turner; Purchasing Committee, Mrs. H. Pugh, Mrs. A. Spears, Mrs. J. Buckles; Directors, Rev. Mr. MacLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitch.

BLOOMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Story were recent visitors in Toronto.

Mrs. T. Ashenurst and Gloria of Reach spent Monday at the home of Mr. E. Fairles.

Mr. Samuel Hoover has been quite ill for some time. We hope he may soon have improved health.

Several of our citizens have had an attack of mumps.

Friends and neighbors met at the Trammer home Tuesday evening tending a miscellaneous shower to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Trammer. An occasional chair was represented by the Ballantrae charivari group and a mahogany coffee table and electric lamp from the Bloomington band.

ALTONA

The low drop in temperature hit Altona too over the weekend, 15 below in some parts.

Mrs. S. Thompson and little son returned home from the Brierbush Hospital on Thursday of last week.

Our school was closed on Monday and Tuesday of this week owing to the death of Miss Harding's grandmother. Our sympathy is extended.

About 18 neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Esther Davis on Thursday of last week to honor Mrs. Wm. Clarkson on their 50th wedding anniversary. The afternoon was spent in piecing a quilt top and also tying a quilt. Mrs. Wm. Reesor read an address and Charlotte Ann McNair presented Mrs. Clarkson with a lovely table cloth. Mrs. Clarkson made a very fitting reply. Lunch was served to end the party.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarkson on Sunday to help with the celebration included Mrs. Herb. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burnett and Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett and Billie, Mrs. Vera Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Carman Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris, Clifton and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Delos Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Storey, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Storey and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith. These brothers and sisters of Mrs. Clarkson presented her and Mr. Clarkson with a purse of money. Mrs. Clarkson also had a birthday on Monday. Many congratulations.

We understand our good neighbor V. Baker was towing his car around on Sunday with the tractor but nothing doing she no go.

6th Line, Whitchurch

Mrs. S. W. Hastings spent the weekend in Toronto.

About forty neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper last Wednesday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tate and family who are moving to Newmarket and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tate the newly weds. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tate were presented with a table lamp and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tate with kitchen ware.

Mrs. Ross Winterstein entertained a number of the ladies of the W.A. on Tuesday. Some quilting and sewing was done to finish orders taken at the bazaar.

GORMLEY

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Winger of Stevensville on the birth of a son last Tuesday at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie.

Pte. Ross Armstrong of Camp Borden spent last weekend with his sister, Belle, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Moorby.

Mrs. Douglas Henry of Toronto visited last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Doner had supper Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warwick of Thornhill.

The Milne Sisters of Toronto had supper Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Sider. The girls also rendered several violin selections in the Young Peoples' Service Sunday evening.

The Henderson Trio is assisting in services in East-End Mennonite Church at Kitchener this week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eade (nee Pauline Sinclair) on their marriage on Saturday at Mount Albert. A shower was held in their honour last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Connor. We wish them much happiness.

This column is happy to report the safe home-coming of Jim Brown. Jim arrived in Toronto last Wednesday evening.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doner and John, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Doner had supper with Mr. and Mrs. S.N. Doner and Grace.

We are very sorry that Mr. A. F. Leek has been confined to his bed for several days with a heart attack.

VETERANS EUCHE PARTY

ODDFELLOWS HALL, Stouffville
Thursday, January 31

All Stouffville and District Veterans their friends and families cordially invited. Bring some lunch, a pack of cards and look forward to a real enjoyable evening.

No Canteen Say Veterans

At a meeting of the Stouffville War Veterans the matter of a Veterans Memorial Hall was discussed and the suggestion of a wet canteen was introduced. The main purpose of this Hall is to provide a Club House for the Veterans to meet and have their social entertainments and recreational facilities. Considerable controversy has arisen in the town, centered solely around the idea of a wet canteen. The Veterans wish to make this statement as having gone on record at the last regular meeting that they are not having a wet canteen in the proposed place for this Memorial Hall.

Stouffville Veterans Association

VICTORIA SQUARE

Several from our Sunday School attended the convention at Stouffville last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and family had Saturday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Reid Brumwell and family.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. William Sandle who is ill with pleurisy.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Willows were among a large number of friends who motored to Toronto last Wednesday evening to meet their nephew, Tpr. Harvey Attwood, who returned from overseas on the Queen Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pickering and family had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols and family.

Mr. Barry Coll had tea Sunday evening with Mr. Jim Boynton.

Mrs. Lawrence Boynton had tea Sunday evening with Mr. Harold Korster.

The Young People are holding a sleighing party on Saturday evening, January 26. All those who wish to attend are asked to meet at Willow's store at 8.15 p.m. Following the sleighing, lunch will be served at the home of Jim Boynton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Casely and Linda.

Youths Nabbed After Markham Bank Robbery

Following closely a break-in at Markham post office, the Markham branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia was entered some time Friday night by thieves who smashed a hole through the ceiling in the vault. Five safety deposit boxes, coins and the postage-stamp box were stolen, also a sum of money and securities, are said to have been taken.

"The men forced a small rear window leading to the attic and crawled over the vault, then cut their way through the top and lowered themselves in," Markham police reported. "A small ladder was used to get up to the window. They smashed the combination on the vault door to let themselves out."

Mr. Geo. Stewart, former Stouffville boy, is manager at Markham. The element of chance played a leading role in the arrest near Hamilton on Saturday of two Toronto youths in connection with this same bank break-in at Markham in which more than \$50,000 in cash, bonds and jewelry was stolen.

Provincial Traffic Officer John Sheffield of Dundas was on routine patrol on Highway No. 8 Saturday afternoon when he nabbed the youthful pair after becoming suspicious about their actions. To the constable's surprise, he found on searching their car more than \$1,000 in nickels and dimes, \$49,000 worth of Victory bonds and a large quantity of valuable jewelry. The value of the latter had not been estimated.

According to Inspector A. R. Knight, head of the Hamilton detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, the loot was taken from the Bank of Nova Scotia at Markham in a break-in Friday night. Most of the cash, bonds and jewelry was taken from safety deposit boxes, it is believed.

The suspects, Murray Lawrence, aged 17, of Niagara St., Toronto, and Robert Lance, aged 16, of Clinton Pl., Toronto, were taken back to Toronto Jail last night by Det. Martindale and P.C. Burbidge of York County police. They will appear in police court tomorrow.

After disclosing details of the capture Saturday, Inspector Knight praised the alertness of Constable Sheffield. "It was a grand piece of work on his part," he said.

Traffic Officer Sheffield was on highway patrol a mile south of the Village of Sheffield about 4.30 p.m. Saturday when he noticed an auto pull to the side of the road a couple of hundred yards ahead. As the police car approached, the other car started up and proceeded along the highway.

in the car and the passenger kept looking nervously over his shoulder at the police patrol.

The youths made no attempt to escape as Sheffield followed the highway, but when he pulled ahead of their car and stopped it, the driver, identified as Lawrence, got out and walked toward the police car.

The policeman and driver walked back to the car for questioning purposes. First thing Sheffield noticed was a brown duffle bag peaking from under the front seat. He opened it and to his astonishment found it crammed with nickels, dimes and jewelry. Two revolvers were on top of the loot. The guns were stolen from the bank, it is alleged.

"That was enough for the officer. He immediately handcuffed the two youths and hustled them back to the police car where he made them secure.

Sheffield then made a thorough search of the auto and uncovered the bonds in \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 denominations pushed behind the cushions of the rear seat. "It was mostly in \$1,000 bonds," the officer said.

The suspects were taken to Hamilton central police station where questioning, according to Inspector Knight, revealed information on the Markham break-in which up to that time apparently was only known by Markham and York County police.

The story disclosed by Inspector Knight indicated that the break-in was staged during Friday night and that a stolen car was used to make the getaway. A window of the bank was forced and entry was made to the safety deposit vault.

The bulk of the loot was said to have been cached in a snowbank along the highway between Markham and Toronto. Saturday morning, it is alleged, the first car was ditched at Grace and Harbord Sts. in Toronto and another auto was said to have been purchased from a used car lot. Inspector Knight said this was made with \$300 in nickels and dimes.

A trip was then made to Kitchener and on the way back to Toronto the chance encounter with the police occurred. Officer Sheffield said he understood the two suspects had stopped to light up cigarettes just before he happened along.

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Monday, January 28th

8 P.M.

Subject:—"Canada and Its Future"

8th Line, Markham

Mrs. Morgan entertained a number of the ladies at a quilting last week.

Mrs. Tillman Reesor was a guest at a birthday party at Ed. Brownberger's, it being his father's 80th birthday.

Misses Anna Wideman spent last weekend in Kitchener.

Mr. Robinson's nephew from Delhi was a recent guest at their home.

Sunday School Convention was the order of the day around this vicinity, the great Crusade for Christ for the coming year.

Mrs. D.N. Reesor entertained a number of ladies at an aluminum demonstration on Wednesday.

The Deputy Reeve, Albert Reesor, is attending the sessions in Toronto at present.

Mrs. George Sale, who has spent the last couple of months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spang, left for Toronto this week to meet her husband, Sgt. G.S. Sale, who arrives home after nearly 3 years overseas.

BALSAM

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. C. Jones in the loss of her mother, Mrs. C. Harper of Goodwood, who passed away at the Lockwood Clinic last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Cragg of Toronto spent a few days last week with her daughter Mrs. C. Davis.

The friends of Miss Kruger will be interested to know that she has gone to New York and from there will be sailing for Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Jones entertained a few friends at a birthday party for Mrs. Jones on Thursday night.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Ken Graham of Ingersoll who underwent a serious operation is now doing fine.

Mrs. J. A. Jones of Brooklin spent a few days last week at the home of her son Mr. G. S. Jones.

Rev. Wesley Glazer of Belleville was in charge of the church service on Sunday, and next Sunday, January 27th Rev. Peables of Kempville will preach.

Mr. John and Howard Broome are both home from overseas.

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