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## Ratepayers Want Winter Roads Kept Passable

The heavy fall of snow last week was a painful reminder that Stouffville is ill equipped to keep its side streets in anything like a passable condition. The fact that since the town was founded it was never deemed a municipality responsibility to clean the roads so that tradesmen and milk delivery could be made, also that private car owners might get their cars out on the main road, makes no difference today.

There is a new era dawning, and taxpayers demand more service. The service should be rendered, but there should be no complaint when taxes advance.

Stouffville should have a small plow that could be operated by a farm tractor, which would be easily obtainable from some local farmer who would be glad to push a plow around and earn some extra winter cash.

Unfortunately the town is in the midst of a road building program that will cost a lot of money this year if we are to pave two of three more streets, so as to get away from buying oil and gravel.

It was the hope of the council that the winter expenditure could be kept at a minimum this year, so money that might be spent in shovelling snow could be put into pavement, something more permanent. However, the plowing of side streets cannot long be delayed.

## Stouffville Proud of Jr. Hockey Record

Stouffville is justifiably proud of the record of their Junior O.H.A. hockey team this season, despite the fact that the squad just failed to make the playoffs. A toss of a coin could have decided the difference between the home team and Whitchy, but it was apparently asking just a little too much to expect to get into the "big round" with the first team organized here in seven years.

The local scoring record shows up well with Stouffville having scored 74 goals and having 51 scored against them. These figures look much better when the count on the first four games is deducted. Stouffville tried out no less than four goal-keepers in these games, and in so doing had a total of 20 goals scored against them, while they were only collecting 12. When the net-minding position was finally filled by Doug Moore, snappy 14-year-old, the tide turned, and his record for the remainder of the season was Stouffville 62 goals, and against them, 31, two to one.

Stouffville's high-scoring pair of George and Jack Rumney came within six goals of collecting half the season's counters, getting 31 between them. The balance of the scoring was spread over the other members of the team, with every player getting his name on the score sheet at least several times.

The team executive is already looking to the 1946-47 season for player material. Three members of this year's team will be over-age by the time next winter rolls around. They are "Kick" Paisley, Geo. Rumney and Don Campbell. The local second line of Jewett, Petch and Minton remains intact so far as age is concerned, but whether or not these boys will be available to Stouffville, only time will tell. The defence is probably the hardest hit, with only Lewis being left of this year's team, Burkholder having dropped from competition, following his entrance into the matrimonial ranks.

It is thought that Markham may enter the Junior 'C' ranks next season, having met with little success in the 'B' class, and if such was the case, the local's second line who hail from this area, might not be available here, despite the fact that they themselves desire to continue as Stouffville players.

## COUNCIL DIDN'T YIELD

The reeve and members of Markham Township Council had an offer dangled before them by an insurance agent on Monday, whereby all five councillors could be insured against accident while actually on council duty, at a mere cost of \$28 per year for the blanket policy. There was some hesitancy, but the council wisely decided not to avail themselves of the bargain, not at the moment at any rate.

"We better hold this offer over" counselled Reeve Hooper, and the matter was tabled. If Markham council believe that such protection is needed, would the members consider dividing the cost five ways and paying the premium from their own pockets, was the poser in the minds of some members, and others present.

The agent reported that King and Vaughan township councils quickly grabbed the toothsome morsel for themselves, yet Markham did not go for it in that haste.

## Mechanized Farms for Ontario

A new item in The Telegram a few days ago told of an extraordinary number of farm auctions in Oxford, one of the leading dairy counties of the province. Up for disposal were numerous long-established dairy herds, and it was said that many purebred cattle are being purchased by United States breeders. Older farmers who carried on during the war years are retiring, it was explained, being unable to obtain labor of the kind required on dairy farms.

The situation is similar in some other Ontario counties. District representatives in various parts of the province report to the Department that farm labor is scarce. In Lambton it is said "not one in fifty is able to obtain the help required." Frontenac representative of the Department writes, "No young men with farm experience are offering their services for farm work."

It needs no statistician or economist to make clear that young men released from the armed services or war plants are not turning to farming, even though they may have come from the farm. Intensified by strikes and strike threats, the trend in most industrial employment is toward higher wages and shorter hours, whereas farm wages have risen only slightly in the war years and Nature shows no sign of permitting shorter work hours on the farm.

In the report from Oxford, where auctions are being held in consequence of farm sales, there appears this significant sentence: "These farms are being picked up as fast as they come on the market. Stock and implements, with exception of horses, are selling at high prices." It is not a matter of farms being abandoned or going begging, but of farmers going out of dairying and into other lines of farming in which machines will do a greater production of the work. Mechanization has progressed even during the war years, and that trend will be accentuated as equipment hitherto restricted in production becomes available.

Prices of farm products generally, though not allowed to soar as in the previous war period and immediately thereafter, have been stable, and it seems evident that consumers are going to pay more when wartime subsidies are dropped. More than a hint of it came the other day in an Ottawa order affecting jams and jellies. Certainly there appears no prospect of a slump in values of field crops such as took place in the last postwar period. So the outlook is good for those young men brought up on the farm who now are setting up for themselves, especially if they have help of their own on the place.

But a shift away from dairying, if at all extensive, must be disquieting. Milk consumption since before the war has experienced a steady increase, in Ontario at any rate; butter is still rationed and our export commitments in respect of cheese continue high. In dairy farming there is no marketing problem, but on the other hand no machinery has yet been devised that will do the year-round work on dairy farms.

## Markham Tp. Shows Ringwood Wins Saving of \$14,469 Rural Hockey Cup in Ten Weeks

Wm. Maxwell told Markham Council in session on Monday that from Dec. 15 last until the 28th of February this year cost of maintaining winter roads was \$4,624, a sharp reduction from a year ago when for the same ten weeks the costs ran to \$19,193, a difference of \$14,469.

It was also pointed out that council made a good investment when they installed a new engine and made other repairs to the old grader costing \$3,000. W.L. Clark, assistant superintendent, said the cost of operating the grader with the new engine had dropped from \$1 per hour to 25c per hour, and that the saving would be enough to pay for the new Diesel engine in one year.

Wilnot Warriner was reappointed weed inspector at a salary of \$225 for the season. Councillor Couperthwaite said that if the work was not being done satisfactorily, the appointment should be held up, and Councillor Stiver suggested that a mower might be considered, since the inspector said he couldn't get the weeds cut because of labor conditions.

Councillor Stiver pointed out that there were no applications for the job, and Councillor Couperthwaite said that was because it wasn't advertised.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a new bylaw for the appointment of fence viewers and pound keepers for presentation at the next regular meeting, which will be held on March 18.

Twelve foxes were shot in the township last month for which bounties were paid to Bruce Duncan, J.R. Smith, Donald Cook, Ken. Toms, K. B. Laushway, Philip Stewart and George Jennings.

Councillor Couperthwaite asked if it would not be advisable to offer the tires off the old maintainer for sale, and this brought a resolution by Councillor Timbers to sell the tires. New ones were procured when the overhaul was made and new engine installed, since the old ones were not suitable for the new set up.

Deputy Reeve Albert Reesor presided over the proceedings until the arrival of Reeve Hooper who was delayed at another meeting.

## OLDEST RESIDENT ENTERS HOSPITAL

Suffering a gradual weakening Mr. Nathan Forsyth, Stouffville's oldest living citizen, was removed from his home last week and taken to the Brierbush Hospital. His condition is reported as not very good. Mr. Forsyth passed his 93rd birthday last September.

## Ringwood Wins Rural Hockey Cup

Ringwood Maroons, captured the Rural Church Hockey Championship on Wednesday night, downing Vivian in the second game of their best-of-two series, 8-6. They were carrying a one goal lead from their first meeting.

The game was nick and tuck, and only one goal was notched in the first period, that by Ken. Laushway of the Maroons. The teams battled on even terms in the second period, while Laushway finally broke the ice in the final frame, notching two winning tallies in rapid succession.

Smalley was the standout for Vivian collecting five of his team's six goals. Goudie got two for the winners.

"Butch" Steckley and Rev. G. Brown presented the trophy to the Ringwood team, which is captained by Ken. Laushway who outfitted the team this year in their smart maroon colors.

## First Tapping This Week for Sap Run

Probably to Walter Symes, farmer on the 5th concession, north of Claremont, goes the red ribbon for being the first farmer to tap the trees this season in this district for sap. This week Mr. Symes put the spiles into about one hundred maples, but the results of the sap run are not yet available.

Most farmers believe the present too early for successful sap run in this district. "I always keep fairly close to Easter," said Clare Atkinson of Bethesda when questioned on the matter, and he pointed out, Easter is late this season. However, a good average season is being anticipated by those who are in the maple syrup business, and we all hope they are not disappointed.

Prices for maple products and ration regulations covering the 1946 output will be the same as in 1945. Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced recently. The ceiling on maple syrup, when sold direct by producer to consumer, will be \$3.15 per gallon for Canada Light grade, \$2.90 for Canada Medium, \$2.65 for Canada Dark and \$2.40 for ungraded syrup, packed in one gallon metal containers. A premium of 25c per gallon above the price of Canada Light may be charged for syrup marketed as Canada Fancy.

## BALLANTRAE QUALIFY TO MEET ARMY

Ballantrae ousted Zephyr from the Aurora league on Tuesday night by the score of 3-2, to take the best of three series and qualify to meet the Newmarket Army team, champions of the other section of the league.

## Judge Urges Parties Settle Dispute

In Division Court at Markham on Monday morning Murray Daniels was awarded a \$15 judgment by consent in his suit to recover \$43 alleged due from Albert E. Booth. Daniels operated a garage at Carl Boadway's service station in Stouffville, where Booth's car was turned in for work and a paint job which ran up a bill in excess of \$100. In defence Booth claimed he had been quoted \$45 for the paint job, which finally was \$100. His Honor Judge Denton presided.

His Honor Judge Denton in giving judgment said that Daniels impressed him as a fair mechanic. Apparently when he had Booth's car painted at Newmarket he was very dissatisfied with the job and took the car to Toronto to have it done over there. Unfortunately Daniels did not protect himself by obtaining the price in Toronto, or consulting Booth. Neither man appears to have been clear as to what was in the other man's mind regarding the cost in the first place, and as to any contract.

Continuing His Honor said: "I am willing to stop now if these parties will get together. Daniels acted honorably, but if I have to give judgment it will be in favor of Booth."

F.L. Button acting for Mr. Booth, after consultation with his client, said Booth was willing to advance \$15 which is in addition to \$75 paid on the account when Mr. Booth obtained his car, and bringing the total payment to \$90.00.

Daniels was the first witness. He said Booth came to his place and they got into conversation about work on Booth's car, also a paint job. He maintained that he told Booth the cost for painting would be around \$45 but held this was not a contract, merely an estimate. "My instructions were to go ahead and get it done. I sent the car to Newmarket for painting, but the job was not satisfactory, and there was absolutely no charge. It was then sent to Toronto, and I paid the bill of \$100, concluded the witness, who submitted the receipted bill.

Daniels said that Booth refused total payment but tendered \$75 on account, promising to come back on the Monday and pay the balance. He never came; testified Daniels, but when he got the car he said he hadn't cash to spare to make total payment nor was his Stouffville bank account suitable to draw on for it. He offered me \$15, later in full settlement, and I refused it said Daniels.

This is the \$15 which Booth later paid into court of his own free will, when the judge recommended that a settlement be made.

A. Elson second witness corroborated certain parts of Daniels evidence.

Mr. Booth said he only left his car with Daniels because he gave him the idea it would be back in his hands in four or five days. Instead it was 12 days. He said he expected the job of painting and repairing the body would be \$45, instead of \$100. "Naturally, I was shocked when I saw the bill," said Mr. Booth, and wanted time to think it over. He admitted paying \$75 on account, but denied promising to return and settle the balance on Monday. The car was not painted one of the colors decided on, either, he said. "I never promised to pay the balance, but did say I would think it over."

"Oh you wanted to get the car away, after Daniels threatened to hold it until settlement was made?" observed O.S. Hollinrake, solicitor for Daniels. "Naturally I wanted to get my car."

Harry Paisley and Carl Boadway testified the paint job was to be done for \$45, according to what they had heard.

William Wragg vs. J. Martin Reesor an action to recover damages of \$30 over Reesor's dog alleged to have killed chickens belonging to the claimant, was held over to next court.

Andrew Penny vs. Chas. Hemsted, claim for \$108 for work done for the horseman formerly of Markham, also a counter claim for \$200 was not heard and was given increased jurisdiction.

## WHITBY WINS GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Whitby captured the championship of the local O.H.A. Junior 'C' group on Saturday night, defeating Lindsay, 8-2, to take the best in three series. Whitby will meet Gravenhurst in the next round. Scarborough captured the Junior 'B' title of the Markham group on Tuesday night, defeating Oshawa 4-1.

## FATHER PASSES AT WHITBY

Mrs. Donald Lehman, Main St. east, is mourning the death of her father, Isadore St. Pierre, who died on Thursday, February 28 at his home in Whitby. Funeral was held on Monday from the Roman Catholic Church at Whitby to Whitby R.C. cemetery. Besides his wife there survives four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Alfred Hickstead of Whitby, Mrs. C. Solomon of Oshawa, Miss Leo St. Pierre of Pembroke, Mrs. Lehman, Stouffville; Clifford St. Pierre of Toronto and Oakley of Whitby.

## Hiram Yake, Oldest Man Born in Stouffville Dies in his Ninety-fifth Year

Could Recall First Train to Pass Through Stouffville

Stouffville's oldest native born citizen, Harmon Yake, died on Friday last and was laid to rest on Monday. Had he lived until the 6th of May next he would have celebrated his 95th birthday. Another interesting fact about this aged gentleman is that he passed away just one week from the day his sister, Mrs. Minnie Cooper, was buried. She was in her 80th year. No other living individual could look back into the early history and development of Stouffville just like Harmon Yake. He possessed a keen memory to the last, and could recall his youth spent in town, when his father Hiram Yake conducted the Yake House at corner of Tenth street and Main. Harmon who was one of seven children, remained under the parental roof there until he was a young man, and often recalled that there was plenty of work at the hotel attending the teams and feeding the teamsters who came in great numbers for years hauling logs and lumber from north of Stouffville to Frenchman's Bay for shipment to England. Yake's was the favorite stopping place enroute where man and beast could count on a comfortable night's lodging.

Fifty-nine years ago Harmon married Rachel Feaster, and a few years later they took up farming on his father's land at lot 33, con. 9, Pickering, just east of Stouffville, on the place where he died. To them were born seven children, namely, Wilnot of Toronto, Oscar in Mather, Man., Rae on the home place, (Pearl) Mrs. Joan Lewis, Stouffville; (Myrtle) Mrs. Loss Hill of Claremont; and (Verna) Mrs. Gordon Riddle also of Claremont. Another daughter Ellen died. Also surviving are twenty-eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Mr. Yake lost his aged life partner four years ago.

Like many of the old pioneers and settlers Mr. Yake did not travel much, largely because the opportunity was not available when he was a youth, and trips even as far as Toronto when he was a lad seldom came once in a year. However, when he was 90 Mr. Yake enjoyed a motor trip to the U.S., that proved the event of his long career. He possessed his faculties in a remarkable way to the last. His hearing was good, and he had a memory that made younger people marvel. He drove a car until a few years ago. His personal knowledge of Stouffville as he recalled things from his youth was always interesting.

The corner of Tenth and Main streets was to him the hub or

## WOOD AND POLES IN GOOD DEMAND

There was a good demand for the stove wood, poles, posts and spiles offered by auction by Jack Norton at Claremont last week. Auctioneer Farmer doing the selling. A pile of cedar posts, probably 250 in the lot, sold in bulk for \$50, and cordwood in piles not measured went from \$71 per pile to \$35, buyers making their own estimates, telephone and hydro poles brought \$3 to \$6 a piece, and the whole sale ran around \$1,000. Wood lots advertised were not offered since it was impossible to get into the bush on the day of sale.

## BALLANTRAE SOLDIER WED DUTCH GIRL

Returning home aboard the John Sargeant due today will be Spr. A. D. Nesbitt, RCE, son of John Nesbitt, 9th concession, Whitchurch, who served four years Overseas. Spr. Nesbitt was wounded on Feb. 25, 1945, but recovered.

A happy feature of his service aboard was that he recently married a sweet Dutch girl who hopes to follow him to Canada later. Spr. Nesbitt is a brother of Mrs. Jake Hoover in Stouffville.

Pte. G. A. Kennedy, son of Mrs. Mae Kennedy, Stouffer St., Stouffville, was aboard the S.S. Aquitania just docking.

centre of all activity at that time. There was his father's hotel, and the Globe hotel across the way. There was a boot maker, and the old tannery down the Tenth was a busy place as well as stores and manufacturing of various kinds. Then there was no railway, and the trip to Toronto by horse was long and tedious.

Farmers went away two and three day with a bag of grist to get ground. News of the railway was a thrilling time, and a station location was surveyed close to this hub of the town, but it never came through that way as events showed, since an aggressive business man who established a saw mill near the Dr. Freeland residence in the west, offered free land and a great deal of business to the company, and the survey was changed to bring the line in as we have it today. Mr. Yake remembered the first train he ever saw pass through Stouffville when he was a lad of about 15 years.

For 50 years Mr. Yake never missed a Saturday night in Stouffville, and this "outing" he insisted on maintaining until very recently.

## Twenty Graduation Diplomas Presented at Commencement

School Crowded Each Evening for Annual High School Event

Twenty students received graduation diplomas at the annual Commencement Exercises of Stouffville High School held on Thursday and Friday evenings last week. The presentation was made by D. R. Chadwick, chairman of the Board of Education. Those receiving honor graduation diplomas were, Evelyn Beach, Betty Davis, Luella Harper, Eldred King, Kenneth Schell, Harold Steckley and Marion Weldon; and those who received graduation diplomas, Audrey Baker, Margaret Brown, Bruce Forfar, Betty Jean Freeland, Kathleen Green, Audrey Jennings, Kenneth Jennings, Vera King, Warren Moyer, Stanley Schmidt, Audrey Slack and Duncan Smith; intermediate certificates were given out to, Harold Atkinson, Eileen Baker, Howard Baker, Lewis Barclay, Audrey Bell, Betty Black, Leonard Black, Harry Bridges, Helen Burrows, Keith Clarke, Velma Cober, Bruce Crowder, Bert Couperthwaite, Donald Doner, Roy Downswell, Clemath Ellis, Betty Farmer, Helen Fockler, Audrey Goad, Carl Grove, Betty Miller, Court Noxon, Erlene Paisley, Doreen Rae, Lewis Raxlin, Marion Sanderson, Lorne Schell, Agnes Sider, Bert Stouffer, Stewart Vague, Carol Weldon, Grant Wells, Bob Wetheral, Lena White, Kay Williamson, Betty Woodland.

On Thursday evening, Mr. W. M. Cockburn, Agricultural Representative for York County presented a number of Farm Service Certificates.

The field day awards given out by Miss K. Swinton and Mr. Sherk, teachers in physical culture at the school were as follows: local school winners, Junior, Erlene Paisley, Roy Ward, Intermediate, Dorothy Wagg, Douglas Burkholder, senior, Betty Miller, Duncan Smith; inter school champions, Junior boy, Roy Ward, Junior girl, Helen Goudie, intermediate girl, Dorothy Wagg.

Chairman D. R. Chadwick addressed the gathering briefly and dressed the gathering in white and floor lady in charge.

told of the plans of the Board of Education for the further enlargement of the school with the addition of a new west wing housing the gymnasium and auditorium. The valedictory address was given by Marion Weldon.

A number of academic prizes were awarded to students in the various grades, made possible through the interest of the following citizens, Jos. Borinsky, Dr. S.T. Bodendistel, D.R. Chadwick, Dr. H.B. Freeland, A.V. Nolan, F.L. Button, K.C., J.F. Ritches, Jack Smits, Milton Smith, Harold Spofford.

A two-hour program of dances, choruses, gymnastics, and instrumental numbers followed these presentations each evening, highlighted by a one-act play, "Nellie McNabb." This was a royalty play written by Lois Reynolds and the cast included, Audrey Slack, Betty Jean Freeland, Margaret Brown, Stanley Schmidt, Duncan Smith, and Vera King.

It was a crowd-pleasing show all the way through, and the large turnout further emphasized the need for more adequate accommodation for such events. The staff and students are to be congratulated on their splendid effort, handicapped as they are without facilities for such a presentation.

## NEW FACTORY IN OPERATION

The Home Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, makers of children's wear, opened their Stouffville factory this week with twelve local girls and three experienced hands from Toronto. Next week more local help will be called, and this increase will be continued until the maximum of hands required is reached. Working conditions in the building, the old Ratcliff Hall, are ideal, and the employees are expressing their delight.

Miss Lancaster of Toronto is the floor lady in charge.