

Dies on Vacation in Florida

The death of James Monks was learned with great regret and surprise here on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Monks had gone to Florida only a few weeks ago, and were just nicely settled at St. Augusta, when he was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and died. The couple were living in their trailer which they took with them from Stouffville, and in which they lived on Church street last summer after selling their property at Lincolnville.

James Monks born in England, became a brakeman on the old Grand Trunk, later transferring to the C.P.R. He married Myrtle Beebe, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Byron Beebe and the couple settled in town. He was in his 75th year, and was appreciated in the town where he was well liked.

The remains were shipped back to Canada arriving in Toronto on Monday afternoon. Interment was made at Markham cemetery on Tuesday, service being conducted by Rev. D. Macgregor of the Stouffville Baptist church.

Pickering Tp. Child Drowned in Well

Funeral services were held on Monday for four-year-old Ronald Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snider, employee on a lakeside farm southwest of Dunbarton was found drowned in a well Saturday afternoon.

The body was found in some 15 feet of water after an extensive search by the child's parents and other residents of the farm. According to the mother he had apparently been playing in the vicinity of the well.

"Ronald had gone outside to play with his three-year-old brother and after he didn't return for some time, I assumed that he was with his father who was doing some chores at the time," Mrs. Snider told the reporter.

"When his brother rushed into the house sobbing and calling me to the well I followed the child but when I came to the well I didn't see anyone so I returned to the house. The search began when his father returned and Ronald was not with him," she said.

After they had searched every conceivable place where the child could have gone, the father was lowered into the well. It was when he reached the water level that he saw the child's scarf floating just below the surface.

An investigation is being conducted by Coroner Dr. V.E. Cartwright of Pickering and Chief John Irvine.

Newmarket Added to Junior O.H.A. Hockey Circuit

Deliberations of Aurora Rink Management Delays Drawing Up of Junior Schedule

According to A.W. Lawton, Markham, convener of the local Junior 'C' hockey group, Newmarket has been added to this circuit. Newmarket it appears was declared to be 'C' calibre, but was originally scheduled to play in a 'B' group with a bye into the Junior 'C' playdowns. Newmarket appealed to the O.H.A. for the right to actively participate in the local group and this has been granted.

Arrangements to draw up the schedule which are overdue, were cancelled for one week when, according to the convener, Aurora was unable to get a decision on nights available in their rink.

The schedule should certainly start next week, as the season is short for natural ice rinks, and a week now may save a lot of grief in March.

The local team under the guiding hand of Coach Ike Harper is rounding into shape with such players on the roster as Doug Moore, Jack Rumney, Lloyd Jennings, Gord Lewis, Bill Mulholland, Earl Lehman, Lloyd Pascoe, Bill Mabbitt, Mac Clement, Gord Minton, Keith Jewitt, Don Campbell, Ken Schell, Baker, Forgie, and a number of others.

Visitor from Saskatchewan

An interesting visitor here is Mr. Frank Reynolds who left this town forty years ago to farm in western Canada. He is now operating a large tract of land at Gilroy, Sask. but is looking for a chance to retire. Mr. Reynolds is visiting his brother Fred in Stouffville. Frank proudly recalls when he was a school boy living in this place, and he noted many improvement even since his last visit eighteen years ago. Like his brother Fred, he was born on the farm at Altona.



Flickering flames in their motley hues hold the warmth of our good wishes in their vivid beauty. Through the years—of candlelight, incandescent light and fluorescent light, this organization has served this community to the best of its ability. Another Christmas..... another year.....to you, good cheer!

THE STOUFFVILLE TRIBUNE

—MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Bethesda Boy Tells of Mission Life in Nigeria

Life in an African village with its mud huts and strange streets is vividly described in a letter written by Rev. Gordon J. Bolender, Kitchener missionary to Nigeria.

Rev. Mr. Bolender and his wife left Kitchener for Africa in September, where they have been assigned to a mission post in Jebba, Nigeria.

Members of Bethany Mennonite Church, the young couple is experiencing a first stay in a foreign mission field. First-hand impressions of Africa have been recorded by Rev. Mr. Bolender in his missive, which was mailed Nov. 21.

It reads in part: "We are situated about 300 miles north of Lagos at Jebba on the Niger River. This is the approximate spot where Mungi Park was killed and a monument is here. It is a typical African town, mud huts with thatched roofs crowded up a dirt street. The natives for the greater part hear some English only it is necessary for us to learn their language, Yoruba, so our work may be more effective.

"This brings us to our work. We are in the teacher training school at present. The educational system is based on that used in England and it is only since the war that great strides are being made in education. Much of the work is still in pioneer stages but on the whole the native has a great desire to learn.

"To be certified by the Government as a teacher, the native must have passed standard six, taught two years, then attended a teacher training school for two years. Upon graduation they begin teaching at \$16 a month. There is great unrest among the teachers here because of low salaries as the cost of living has risen considerably.

"Mrs. Bolender, being a trained nurse, is busy doing dispensary work. Daily 30 to 40 patients come for treatment for ailments such as ulcers, burns, snakebites, cuts, knife wounds, pneumonia, fever, and a score of others. I might add we are dentists too, for we pull teeth.

"The rainy season is past now and we won't get rain until next May. It is beginning to get warm 100 degrees in the shade. The Harmattans have begun, which results in cool nights which are ideal for sleeping.

"We could write more in detail but time and space do not permit. At any time we would be glad to receive letters from our friends and would try to answer any questions."

Mr. Bolender also gave an interesting account of the flight from New York to Liberia with brief stopovers at London and Paris. He mentioned visiting with Rev. O. Thamer, formerly of Kitchener, in Liberia.

WHITBY HERE MONDAY

Whitby Junior O.H.A. entry will play an exhibition game with the Stouffville Junior team in the local arena, Mon., Dec. 30th. Puck will be faced at 8 p.m. This is your opportunity to get your holiday hockey preview.

POSTIVE IT WAS A WOLF

"Oh yes, it was a wolf without doubt," declared Orval Degeer of Whitchurch when interrogated by The Tribune about the pelt presented by Milton Graves, who shot the big fellow near the Vivian forest.

I was hunting at the time, Mr. Degeer explained, and that wolf was chased by me. The dogs were fighting in close, since the wolf was impeded by a heavy trap on its leg. The dogs, five of them, closed in on the wolf, and drew blood, but the animal managed to get into a hole, and there the dogs couldn't do anything. It was in this situation when Mr. Graves who was also out hunting, closed in and made the kill.

Orval Degeer has probably shot as many wolves as any man hunting in the township, and he hopes to have a good kill before the present winter is over.

The wolf shot by Graves was not the customary brush variety, but was a big timber wolf, and was sent to Queen's Park to pass inspection before the township bounty will be paid.

Principal Lou Murphy of the Stouffville High School, Mrs. Murphy and the family left on Tuesday to spend the holiday season at Comber in the Chatham district.

UNEXPECTED VISITORS MONDAY NIGHT

For a brief time Monday evening Stouffville had unexpected visitors, a mother and daughter from Western Canada. They stepped off the evening train from Toronto, expecting to be near Glasgow Station, but to their amazement they found that Glasgow Station was near Pembroke. Station agent Mowat consoled the pair, took them in and served tea, and an hour later placed them aboard the train going to Toronto where they would take the pool train for Ottawa to reach Pembroke. They could get into Glasgow Station the next morning. Some ticket seller in the city confused the couple by sending them to Stouffville to reach Glasgow, east of town, which is not Glasgow Station.

ATTENTION CURLERS!

Curlers are requested to meet at the rink Thursday, Dec. 26, in the forenoon 10 o'clock to make ice.

Gordon Lemon is recovering from a rather severe illness, which threatened him with pneumonia for a time.

Stouffville stores will not be open after six o'clock next Monday or Tuesday evening, so be sure and get your holiday requirements in the daytime.

The death of Mrs. Daniel Hilts at Newmarket on Friday removes an old resident known to many people in Gormley district. Her husband predeceased her many years. Mrs. Hilts was buried at Heise Hill on Sunday afternoon.

Poultry Market Was Not Very Impressive

Although there was no attempt on the part of the merchants to provide special attraction for the Christmas Market Day last Thursday, the affair went off good. The horse show, sponsored by a few fanciers, was the sole attraction and drawing card. Without the show it would have just been another business day.

The amount of poultry coming to town was small, yet the merchants did a bumper business, and they may have concluded that a market is not necessary to big Christmas trade. The small amount of poultry sold to the stores was mostly taken by the three butcher shops. Many farmers sold their turkeys or geese on the street to private persons.

Ceiling prices were paid throughout.

Winners in the horse show were: Heavy-draught team—1, Heber Down, Brooklin; 2, Ted Hall, Brooklin.

Light-draught team—1, Ted Hall, Brooklin; 2, Vince Baker, Stouffville. Amateur class for teams—1, Win. Timbers, Stouffville; 2, G. Warriner, Markham; 3, Wesley Wideman, Stouffville.

Belgian or Percheron teams—1, Herb Simpson, Ballantrae; 2, A. H. Woods, Aurora; 3, Vince Baker, Stouffville.

Four-horse teams—1, Heber Down, Brooklin; 2, A. H. Woods, Aurora; 3, Vince Baker, Stouffville.

Best mare or gelding—1, Heber Down, Brooklin; 2, Ted Hall, Brooklin; 3, Vince Baker, Stouffville.

Local Men Offer to Pilot Minor Hockey Here

A group of some seven or eight local men gathered at the arena on Friday night in an effort to organize some leadership for those boys who are eligible for bantam and midget hockey. There was considerable discussion over the hockey doldrum into which the local lads had been allowed to slump. The result was the appointment of Harold Lewis and Gar Lehman as managing coaches, and Wes. Boadway, secretary. These three will handle a bantam and midget outfit, and players in these age groups were called out on Monday night. While members of the Lions Club failed to appear in any strength to actively participate, the financial backing of the Club is expected, to whatever extent is necessary. It has been expected that two minor clubs from Stouffville would find opposition with a group comprised of Milliken, Unionville and Markham, but so far this combination has been snagged by the failure of the Markham and Unionville rink management to see their way clear to giving the small lads any rink time. This matter will be further threshed out this week.

Markham, we are told have asked as high as \$275 from the youngsters for the use of the rink there.

The nearest Midget hockey clubs to Stouffville are, Bradford, Newmarket, Uxbridge, Oakville, Richmond Hill have entered a Bantam Club, and entries for these minor ranks have not yet closed, we understand, so that Stouffville might find a berth in some nearby OHMA circuit if the Markham, Unionville ice situation fails to clarify.

Member of Early Family Gone

Friends in Stouffville and district received with regret news of the death of Ida Elizabeth Brillinger, which occurred at Belmont Home, Toronto, on Thursday, Dec. 19. Miss Brillinger was a member of a very old family here, her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Brillinger.

For many years Miss Brillinger who was in her seventies, was a telephone operator on the local switch board, and the family will be remembered as residents of Second street opposite the present Ratcliff home. Earlier they lived in Markham.

The late Ida Brillinger was the youngest daughter and was born in Stayner. The family later moved to Lemonville, where Mr. Brillinger carried on the general store, on its present site. As the family out-grew the public school, they moved to Collingwood where a high school was available. In time, the dampness there, caused the health of Miss Brillinger to fail, and search was made for more suitable climate. For two years she lived in South Carolina and finally two years on a ranch in Texas. Much improved in health, she and her mother (being at this time alone,) removed to Stouffville.

Older residents will remember her as she served in Warriner's store and on the exchange.

Since her mother's death, her life has been quietly passed in Belmont House, Toronto, where friends visited her from time to time. Falling health kept her confined to bed since last May. The end came suddenly despite the kindness of nurses and friends in ministering to her needs.

A public service was held in Toronto on Friday evening, and interment was made at Collingwood on Saturday. A few from this locality attended the last obsequies.

GOODWOOD AUCTION

John M. Rae, Warden of Ontario County, is holding an auction sale at his place in Goodwood on Tuesday, Dec. 31, which will include sale of the fine brick house and quarter acre of land, double garage and work shop. The house has a water pressure system, and all conveniences. Immediate possession will be given the buyer with liberal terms payment. A. S. Farmer will be on the auction block, starting at one, with 3 p.m. set for offering the property.

BIRTHS

BROWN—Rev. and Mrs. W. Cecil Brown (nee Hazel Bond Gormley) are happy to announce the birth of their son at the St. Catharines General Hospital, Saturday, Dec. 21st, 1946. Mother and baby doing well.

DRAPER—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday December 15th, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Draper, Claremont R.R.2, a daughter (premature) Evelyn Marie.

Housewives into Farmers



Without telling their husbands, two Welland, Ont., women have bought a 94-acre farm, and are

working it themselves. Mrs. J. D. Watt, city clerk's wife, tends

(right), shows hen its near record egg. The partners learned farming from text books.