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Miss Joan Farrow of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Malloy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smits will spend Christmas with relatives in Detroit.

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The first meeting of Stouffville Municipal Council for 1947 will be held a week from this Thursday night, Jan. 9th.

CHURCH HILL

We wish our staff of The Tribune and readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Martin and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles, Stouffville.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beach were Mr. and Mrs. David Beach, Brooklin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson, Oak Ridges, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beach and girls, Ballantrae, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrison and family, Mount Albert, also Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Skinner of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loveless and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Wibur Irwin.

Christmas visitors at the Pegg home were Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Oldham and girls of Mount Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLean and girls of Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright and Joan of Dixie and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flewell of Ballantrae.

Miss Evelyn Beach is to be at Bloomington school after New Years for a week as a student teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McLaughlin spent Christmas day with his mother Mrs. Ida McLaughlin in Toronto.

Mr. Albert Clark, Marjorie and Roy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taber.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Loveless entertained twenty-three members of the Loveless family to a turkey supper on Saturday evening.

Christmas visitors with Mrs. E. Paisley were Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Paisley, Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pope and Carol, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker, Stouffville, also Miss Grace and Marie Paisley. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reaman entertained his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reaman and two sisters of Victoria Square on Christmas day.

Unionville Firemen Not All Tippy the Chief Declares

A glowing report in the Toronto Star to the effect that Unionville firemen were tippy when they went to fight a blaze at Agincourt on Christmas Eve, is now being vehemently denied by members of the brigade, by Reeve Chas. Hooper and by Agincourt people who were among the first to report that drunken firemen came to battle the blaze at the Freeman house which was burned to the ground.

Fire Chief M. Findlay said he was sorry to hear that such a report had gotten out. He explained that one member of the brigade who was a bit tippy, was ordered out of the way by the chief when he discovered the man was a bit tight. It was Christmas eve and he must have been caught at a most inopportune time, some one explained.

Unionville firemen just got a new fire engine a week ago, and some of them had not yet learned to operate it and became a little confused, the chief admitted.

"We were at the scene from midnight until after 3 a.m. We weren't able to save the Freeman house because it was burning fiercely before we were called, but we worked to keep the fire from spreading."

Markham Township Reeve C. H. Hooper, denied that any of the volunteer firemen had been drunk. "I heard that there had been an argument at the fire but that is all I know the men, and I don't think they were under the influence of alcohol. As far as I am concerned the matter will be dropped."

Ernest Appleton, trustee of the police village of Unionville, said that he was at the fire and did not think any of the men were drunk. "I know I didn't have anything to drink myself and I am one of the firemen," he declared.

Local and Personal Happenings

Sale of hats and dresses on January 1st, 2nd, 3rd, at Mrs. M. E. Watts, Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Laushway motored to Kemptville near Ottawa, last week where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Laushway's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fraser and daughter Joanne were Christmas visitors with Miss Jane Burkitt and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pennock in Stouffville.

Wilbert Gower spent Christmas in Toronto at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorjan Woodburn.

E. A. Grubin, R.O., Optometrist, will be at his office in Stouffville on Monday, Jan. 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Heise, Toronto, were in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Watts. Our former citizen, it was observed, is maintaining his avior dupois without the slightest effort, he says.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Todds of Markham and daughter Miss Phyllis Todds of the Toronto teaching staff, were Christmas dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie Armstrong were Christmas visitors up in Scott township where they lived, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nendick, Leaskdale.

Mrs. James Rennie, Colonel and Mrs. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rennie and Marjory, Dr. Mc Dowell and Miss Jean Rennie were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Telf Rennie.

Thos. H. Hobbs, for forty years a resident on the 6th concession of Markham, has just moved from south of Cashel to the house on Bruce's lane.

Between thirty and forty young people from Heise Hill Church called on Mrs. John Beach and other friends in town on Christmas eve and sang carols and hymns which were greatly enjoyed.

J.S. Honsberger of Hamilton was the guest of his brother Rev. E. Honsberger at Spruce Villa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hosie were Christmas guests at the home of his mother and sisters on Albert street. Other visitors at the Hosie home were Reeve and Mrs. Rountree and baby from Weston.

Ormsby Williamson who left the Williamson home farm at Peaches some forty years ago for Western Canada, has been here for several weeks from Pambum, Sask., visiting with relatives in Stouffville, Markham and Toronto. Mr. Williamson has a son John attending University at Ajax and a daughter Dorothy in the University hospital. Another daughter, Kathleen is in training at the Sick Children's Hospital.

HAZEL WARDER BECOMES BRIDE OF H. R. PRIDDLE

Miss Hazel Warder, daughter of Mrs. A. G. Warder of Kitchener and the late Rev. Mr. Warder, was united in marriage to Mr. Herbert Raymond Priddle, Palmerston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Priddle of Dundalk, in Bethany Mennonite Church, Kitchener, on Saturday afternoon. Rev. W. M. Shantz officiated in a setting of pink chrysanthemums and ferns.

Mr. Elmer Umbach, pianist, accompanied Mr. Lloyd Brubacher, soloist, who sang "O Perfect Love," during the signing of the register and "O God of Wisdom," during the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Theodore Warder, London, the bride chose a floor-length bluish satin gown fashioned with a lace yoke, fitted bodice, low scalloped waistline, and full skirt falling into a slight train. A matching lace head-dress caught her floor-length veil of tulle illusion net. She carried a white Bible, gift of the bridegroom, from which fell sweetheart roses and streamers.

Only attendant of the bride was Miss Jean Geiger. She wore a floor-length rose velvet gown, styled with a fitted bodice with a band of shirring at the waistline and short puffed sleeves. She wore a matching halo hat and mittens and carried a shower bouquet of talisman roses.

Ring bearer was Master Evan Warder, London, nephew of the bride. Best man was Mr. Laverne Priddle, Dundalk, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Messrs. Willis Hunking, Dundalk, and James Geiger.

A dinner was served at the Grand River Tea Rooms, following the ceremony, for 50 guests. A reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Charles Newman, Samuel St., Kitchener. The bride's mother wore a blue dress, black accessories and corsage of talisman roses. A black dress and similar corsage was the choice of the bridegroom's mother.

For a trip to Hamilton, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, the bride donned a Queen's blue wool jersey dress with black accessories topped with a blue coat with Persian lamb trim. Mr. and Mrs. Priddle will reside in Palmerston.

The groom is assistant pastor to Rev. Percy Barley on the Margboro charge. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Harry Stover of Stouffville, and her father was a pastor here some years ago.

Spoifford's store is closed for Thursday and Friday this week, for stock taking. The store will reopen Saturday morning as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Barkey, Mrs. Williamson and Miss Flossie Barkey were Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williamson, Leaside.

Because of a heart ailment, one of our well known residents, and former business men Martin Tait, has been ordered to take a couple weeks' rest in bed. Friends will hope that this will give him a new lease on life and plenty of pep with which to start the new year with.

Mr. Wilmot Warriner, well and favorably known resident of Markham township is now located in the South for the winter season, visiting at the home of his brother at Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Sam Houser of Markham is staying with her sister Mrs. Wm. Morris east of town, through the holiday season, owing to the illness of the latter who has been in bed for some time.

A U.S. senator predicts that the sugar control will end late in 1947, which will be a sweet bit of news for our neighbors across the line. It will have a pleasing sugary taste for Canadians too, for the end of control in the States will mean the end for Canada as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld of Atha received a letter from somebody in Greece last week, but since the communication was written in the Greek language nobody locally could interpret it. It was evidently a thank you letter for Mrs. Dunkeld for clothing supplied through a local organization. In one of the garments she placed a note.

Big Christmas Trade

Merchants in Stouffville report an even better Christmas trade this year than last, which was then looked on as one of the best on record. There is no doubt that the large well assorted stocks kept in Stouffville attractively displayed in the best possible way, is appreciated. This, plus close prices are factors that are sure to gain favor over a large area of country.

Four Generations at Christmas Party

Four generations celebrated Christmas at the Mrs. Jos. Hoover home on Rupert avenue. Mr. Albert Hoover of Ringwood, brother-in-law of Mrs. Hoover is occupying the home on Rupert avenue since Mrs. Hoover is spending the winter in Toronto at the home of her daughter Mrs. P. Steckley. Mr. Hoover has passed his 80th birthday and is in excellent health, and looks like a man in his sixties. He even spent a few days hunting this December. But getting back to the Christmas gathering, there were seated at the table, his daughter Mrs. Myrtle Davis who is keeping house for her father. Then there was her daughter Mrs. Arnold Kemp and Mr. Kemp and daughter Helen from Toronto. The latter is Mrs. Hoover's great granddaughter, and a daughter Mrs. Algie Thomas and her husband and daughter Gladys from Oshawa. Other guests were Mr. John Dunn, Toronto Mrs. Elizabeth Redding and Mr. Robt. E. Noble, the latter two boarding at the home where the affair was held. One of the late arrivals was George Redding and his wife from Stony Creek. Mr. Redding is coach for the Hamilton Tigers, only being beaten for the cup by the West in the finals. The Reddings were greatly pleased with what they saw of Stouffville on this, their first visit here. The large homes in Stouffville impressed and pleased them.

"This Ought Not To Be"

In a press statement issued in Markham last week by Reeve Frank Burkholder in support of the bylaw to be voted on there at the January election, authorizing the expenditure of \$30,000 for a new town hall, the reeve stated that it was said by one interested in the Stouffville theatre, that one-half of the business comes from Markham and the district, which may or may not be correct. However, he continued to state: "This ought not to be, as these people should come to Markham to transact business, and make Markham their centre."

After all, should not the people of the district come to Stouffville to do business, and they did not do business here before we had a theatre. It is hardly fair, to say that John Jones or Bill Smith should do their business in this or that town. That is their own business. The day of the local business man "crabbing" because of people buying in Toronto is a thing of the past. If the local merchant offers as good buys as the city store, no doubt Jones and Smith will shop at home. Stouffville has for long years been a famous shopping centre, and will be regardless of anything that may be said or done.

If Markham needs a new hall, we wish the promoters success, and from what we hear the vote for a hall is likely to carry there, but we do not like the idea of deploring the shopping success of a sister community as one of the prime reasons for getting a favorable vote.

Three hundred youngsters of town and district patronized the free picture shows as guests of the free picture show as the guests of Theatre, last Saturday. It was a Christmas gift that sure was appreciated.

One of the members of the Boys' Parliament for Ontario, meeting in London, Ontario, is Cameron Clark, brother of Mr. Bruce Clark, manager of the Stouffville Co-Op. The youthful member of the Clark family (Cameron) represents Peterboro district in the parliament, and is reported to be an excellent public speaker. The London session is for five days.

The Water Supply

The electric pump is still required at the reservoir property to provide additional water for the town. Users should make sure they have no leaky toilets or taps, and it would be appreciated if any undue noise on the line is reported to the town office. A singing or hissing line usually indicates a leak, probably outside underground. Early in the new year, we understand arrangements will be made to check the entire system in an effort to find out where the increased demand is coming from that requires the use of the pump to maintain the supply.

Sleet Storm Made Hard Going

One of the worst snow and sleet storms experienced around Stouffville in a long time, visited the district on Friday afternoon and night. Men on Rennie's snow plow working out of Stouffville for the county of York declared they never experienced anything like it. The snow was not so deep, but as it fell it formed a hard crust, that would almost carry a car, while underneath it was like granulated sugar, and very slippery. Despite the difficulty, plowing went on all night, and main roads were kept open. Farmers could scarcely get out their lanes, and most of them were simply blocked in unless they had some kind of a plow on the place. Barn doors were even stuck fast, because of the nature of the storm, which blew itself out around noon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Malloy and children are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boardway and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Malloy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Acton, Mill Street, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Acton of Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. Doris Johnson and Heather of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. L. McLean were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings.

Mrs. E. Palmer, Mrs. L. Comba and Uncle Ira Boyer are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. George Lee in town. Mr. Boyer, Claremont's oldest citizen, will celebrate his 91st birthday this January. Excepting for his hearing, he is in possession of his faculties.

Christmas visitors at Maple Farm with Mr. Joe Mertens and Margery were Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Goudie and family of Altona, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Goudie and Jimmie and Rev. and Mrs. S. Goudie of Stouffville.

Virginia Culling!

Probably the longest telephone call coming into town over the Christmas season was one received by Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, when Mrs. G. B. Richardson called from Roanoke, Virginia, to wish the Lees a happy yuletide season. Former Claremont and Stouffville girl Mrs. Richardson is always interested in the news from the home district which she receives through this paper each week.

Property not Yet Sold

The James Morrin house on Main street next to International Motors, which was withdrawn from sale at the public auction held recently of the household effects of the late Mr. Morrin, is still unsold, with several interested persons in the market. The property was bid to over \$3,000 when Auctioneer Walter Atkinson announced that it had not reached the reserve, and advised prospects to see Mr. Reg. Budson, one of the executors.



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