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JUNIORS WIN O.H.A. GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Big Storm Isolated Town on Tuesday

All Trains Cancelled Roads Completely Blocked

The great storm which passed over Ontario and paralyzed traffic in this part of the province, was the worst to have visited Stouffville in many years. The old reliable C.N.R. which has stood off storms without interruption, was forced to give up on Tuesday, when all trains on the line were cancelled for one day. Last train out for Toronto was Monday evening. Nothing moved again until Wednesday.

The passenger train for Toronto Monday evening was stuck in the deep cut a mile or two above town opposite the Fred Winn farm and there it remained all night with its twenty passengers and crew. The passengers were taken off in the morning and fed at the Winn home. Later a snow plow from Lindsay came down and hooked onto two end cars, all that could be hauled out of the drift.

The two cars and all the passengers were taken back to Goodwood and the plow returned to the trouble scene, but developed some trouble of its own, and was unable to haul the big passenger engine and remaining cars from the snowbank. It was still there when this was written late Tuesday night.

County snow plow operated by Rennie's on the north roads and Roberts on the south worked heroically the early part of the storm or until they were called off to await the passing flurry of the elements. Tractors going to Toronto Monday morning never got back that night, but returned Tuesday afternoon.

Gray Coach buses did not operate from Monday until Wednesday at 4 p.m., due to Kennedy road south being blocked.

So far as township roads are concerned, they are mountains high with snow, and it will take a lot of plowing to clear them for motor traffic.

Rural mail courier have not been out this week, and indeed, little mail has reached the post office to take out.

One happy thought is that spring is just around the corner, and Old Saul could do a lot to improve the situation if he happens to get in the right mood.

WEATHER DELAYS HOCKEY PLAYOFFS

Owing to the weather conditions, the O.H.A. could give no definite word until press time, as to what other group winner Stouffville would meet in beginning the Junior 'C' playdowns. The local management has asked for a game here this Friday night, if possible, and are standing by for word from O.H.A. headquarters.

Led Local Choral Dr. Fletcher Dead

Funeral services were held at Morley Bedford's funeral chapel in Toronto on Tuesday for Dr. Herbert M. Fletcher, founder of the Peoples' Choral Union. At one time he had been associated with a choral society in Stouffville, and counted numerous friends here. Travelling conditions prevented town people attending the funeral.

Born in Brockville, Dr. Fletcher moved to Toronto as a young man. Later he acquired his degree of Doctor of Music at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

He sang in Jarvis Street Baptist church and later directed choirs in Knox Presbyterian, College Street Presbyterian and the old Bloor St. Baptist church. He retired two years ago, but continued his service to Westmoreland United church. He had been associated with choruses in Aurora, Stouffville and Clarendon. His wife predeceased him in 1936. A daughter, Mrs. Grace Anderson of Toronto, survives.

MANY SALES POSTPONED

Seldom, if ever, has there been such an avalanche of postponed auction sales as may be seen advertised in The Tribune this issue. The widespread storm of the past week so paralyzed traffic in the rural districts that scarcely any travel was possible since Saturday evening. Refer to the sale register for new dates announced by those who had contemplated selling this week or early next week.

Chairman Resigns Clarendon School Board

Wm. J. Doherty, recently elected chairman of Clarendon School Board, has resigned from the Board, and meeting of the ratepayers of the section is being called for this Saturday, March 8th, at 1 p.m. at the school to fill the vacancy. The Clarendon Board, it will be recalled, recently set forth an advanced program of modernization for the school, including improvements in equipment, and salary raises.

The remaining two members of the Board, S. J. Dunning, who is a new member on this year's Board, and Les. McCullough are urging that all ratepayers who have any complaints regarding the administration of the school to come out on Saturday and air their views.

Aged Bloomington Lady Passes at 85

Resident of Bloomington for 35 years Mrs. William H. Jones died at the home of her sister in Pickering Township on Wednesday last week in her 85th year. The death was regarded as a tragedy since it was so close to the passing of the aged lady's daughter and grand-daughter.

The late Mrs. Jones was born at Church Hill north of Stouffville, Mary Agnes Hill, daughter of pioneer parents to the district, Mr. and Mrs. William Hill. As the wife of the late W.H. Jones the couple kept store for 12 years at Ballantree. Mr. Jones died twenty years ago.

The widow is survived by three step-daughters Mrs. Richard Williams, Stouffville; Mrs. J. H. McKendry, Toronto; and Mrs. Alice Riley, Vermillion, Alta.; Mrs. Andrew Pegg, Greenwood is an only sister.

Pall bearers were nephews and grandsons, Milton Pegg, William Pegg, Wesley Lehman, Norman Cook, Warren McKendry, Harry Hope. Interment was made at Bloomington.

Modern Fire Pumper Booster, Hose Truck to Serve This Area

The Stouffville fire department is to be equipped with a modern new fire engine of the latest type, embodying all the new equipment in use on a triple combination pumper, booster and hose truck. The announcement was made public by Reeve A. V. Nolan at the annual firemen's banquet held Monday night at the Mayfair. The information was greeted with applause by the boys of the brigade. Chief Del. Jennings presided over the gathering, which included a theatre party at the Stanley.

The reeve said the new outfit costing around \$6,000 would be delivered here by the manufacturers at Woodstock in from 30 to 90 days. He said the fire engine would be of the rotary type, would boost the 50 lb. pressure from the mains to 90 or 120 pounds. Likewise, it would draw from a well or creek with the same results, pumping 420 imp. gallons per min.

He envisioned a possible enlarged fire area including the easterly side of Whitchurch township. An offer had been made by his council to the township whereby the village would service the area, at a cost of \$250 per year—standby time, plus \$40 per fire. A similar setup prevails on the west side of Whitchurch with the town of Aurora, and farmers on the east would welcome the same service.

Both municipalities sharing the engine in this manner would provide fire protection of high efficiency at a minimum cost. He said that the purchase of the engine would not increase the tax rate in Stouffville the cost being spread over ten years.

The firemen welcomed the new deal and will enter it with interest and enthusiasm. Their new outfit will carry 250 gallons of water, a big consideration at country fires where a limited amount of water only is available. Two chemical tanks would also be part of standard equipment.

Delivery of the new engine mounted on a Fargo 3-ton chassis with rear dual wheels is expected by June 1st.

Water Off Nearly Four Hours

What appeared a serious break in the water system occurred last week on Friday, when water was seen to be gushing out of the ground immediately in front of Alfred Thomas' new house in the north-west corner of the town.

The large amount of water gushing forth, led officials to fear that a break in the main was the cause, and the terrible storm that raged made it most difficult for workmen to operate. On Tuesday the men got down to the trouble to find that a brass curb-cock that taps the main to feed the Thomas house had broken. Water was off for several hours while the area was drained in order to get down to the trouble. It was quickly repaired when once the men could get at it, and the service restored. No further trouble is anticipated.

FORMER BROUGHAM MERCHANT DEAD

Well known resident of Brougham and general merchant there until a couple of years ago when he sold out, David Gannon died in Toronto on Sunday. The funeral will be held today (Thursday) with interment at Brougham.

Retired merchant Mr. Gannon is survived by his wife the former Marie Wilson of Brougham, and one daughter Gladys and one son, Hugh.

SHOULD WE ATTEMPT TO OPEN STREETS

Efforts to open town roads on Wednesday morning were cancelled until council could convene and give the matter consideration. The good service maintained all winter is apparently impossible to maintain with the heavy snow and great depth. Expensive machinery would be required to move it, and it will cost a lot of money if attempted. Council must decide what can be done at the emergent meeting this Wednesday night.

WATCH THIS SHUT-OFF OF POWER ON SUNDAY

The H.E.P.C. wired this Wednesday morning to have this paper warn that there would be a shut-down of power all over the system in this area while necessary changes are being made in the high power lines next Sunday.

Persons using electric brooders will have to make arrangements to maintain heat during the period two to four o'clock (two hours), likewise persons with electric oil burners in their homes will see to it that a good heat is set up before the power goes off: at two o'clock. The date, Sunday, March 9th.

HIS 88TH BIRTHDAY

On March 1st Thomas Morgason of Goodwood reached his 88th birthday. Although the event occurred on the eve of the biggest storm in Ontario's winter history, Mr. Morgason didn't worry about the elements. He is quite well, and gets about the home every day. First to offer him congratulations was his brother William nine years older.

Speedier Switch Board Coming to Telephone Office

The Tribune received a sharp criticism by telephone yesterday over the alleged failure of the Bethesda and Stouffville Telephone Co. to answer a call from the home of a farmer at Victoria Square. A voice from away down Agincourt way said to The Tribune: "You think you have a smart town up there, and perhaps you have, but your telephone service is rotten."

One of Roberts plows working for the county was stuck in a snow bank on the 4th concession in the neighborhood of Victoria Square. The plowmen walked to the nearest phone, and claimed that all attempts to raise central at Stouffville were of no avail for one hour. "It was not until we reached Agincourt that we could contact Stouffville central, and then got it through a Bell line," said the complainant.

It is well known that the local phone company is unable to take care of the calls turned in over their lines, and that a hundred or more people are clamouring for a telephone who cannot get one.

Manager Thos. Rae admits the justness of all this criticism, but is now pleased to announce that better service is on the way. Next summer a modern switch board capable of handling double present switchboard capacity will be installed. The new set up will eliminate ringing central from town phones. Simply take down the receiver and the "hello girl" will be at your command. Rural phones will still use the crank, but fewer will be on one line.

Thousand Fans Jam Arena as Red Wings Take 6-5 Win Eliminating Aurora Lions

Battling down to the last second, Stouffville emerged O.H.A. group champions on Saturday night, when they downed Aurora 6-5 before a thousand fans in the local arena. It was the second game of a best two out of three for the Junior 'C' group title.

Aurora, with their backs to the wall, gave everything they had, and the game was in doubt right until the final bell.

Brodie started Aurora on their way in the first 45 sec. when his shot caromed off a Stouffville player into the net. Play see-sawed back and forth with both teams gumming up royal scoring chances. Jewett finally equalled the count at the 10 minute mark, after half a minute's sustained attack. Mac Clement put Stouffville in front at 17:00 going through alone, to beat Smith cleanly. Less than two minutes later Atkinson took a pass-out from the corner at the Stouffville blue line to fire a screened shot past Moore. Penalties to Pascoe and Doolittle were killed off successfully.

The passing plays in the second period were a sight to see, both teams playing wide open hockey and charging up and down the ice in tireless two and three man rushes. At the 5-minute mark Pascoe put the home club on top again. The score remained 3-2 until 19:41 of the period when Lewis scored one from Clement to make it 4-2. Campbell was given a two-minute rest in the sin-bin for Stouffville, while Atkinson and McGhee were also banished for Aurora. Each team held on during the shortage.

Aurora came back hard in the third period getting back in the game, in just 6 mins., on goals by Mundell and Davis. With score tied 4-4, Minton went to the cooler for high sticking and Stouffville supporters held their breath, as the Red Wings checked fiercely to keep the rubber out of their own end. Minton himself had drawn the applause of the crowd when he put on a tricky stick-handling display to kill off Campbell's penalty.

The break came at 9:50, Bill Mabbett flipping in Clement's pass to make it 5-4. Just two minutes later Minton gave the Red Wings a two goal advantage again, scoring on assists by Jewett and Clement. Aurora continued to threaten, and continually bottled Stouffville up, but the homesters always managed to finally break out and give goalie Smith a few more anxious moments. Lloyd Pascoe put on a one-man show which brought the big crowd to their feet as the Aurora net twice before trying a pass. At the 14-minute mark, Simmons, Aurora's ace scorer who had been denied all evening broke in the clear at centre ice and coasted in alone on Moore to tighten the count to 6-5.

In "Foster" Farr's own words over the P.A. system, "the suspense was killing" in the last six minutes. Gord Lewis suffered a twisted knee as he went heavily into the boards, but after a few minutes rest was able to continue. An Aurora player fainted on the bench and play was halted briefly. Stouffville held on doggedly to their slim margin to the final bell, while Aurora shot the puck continuously into the Stouffville zone. McGhee drew the only penalty for Aurora in the last period, for interference.

Lloyd Pascoe suffered facial and leg injuries in the last period which later required several stitches. The win brought the first O.H.A. group championship to Stouffville in the last forty years. Stouffville: goal, Moore; def. Rumney, Campbell, Clement; lines, Pascoe, Lewis, Mabbett; Minton, Jewett, Sellers; alternates, Jennings, Burkholder; sub goal, Jack Warriner. Aurora: goal, Smith; def., Andrews, Atkinson, C. Simmons; wings, Brodie and Mundell; alternates, Patrick, Davis, Nigh, Wilkinson, Attridge, McGhee, Doolittle.

BIG STORM DUPLICATES TROUBLE

The C.N.R. passenger train due in Stouffville at 7:30 Monday evening bound for Toronto, passed through town on Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock. It had spent the overtime in the high snow bank a mile north of town opposite Fred Winn's farm. E.J. Davey points out that a similar tie-up occurred at this point in 1888, a long time ago, but E.J. doesn't forget.

Mr. John Phillips who was made a hospital patient while visiting in Toronto a few weeks ago is home again feeling much improved in health.

New Cleaning Plant Opens Mar. 12th

Stouffville's new dry cleaning goes into operation next week (Wednesday), thus filling a demand this section has long felt the lack of. Laundry and dry cleaning work has all been going from town, whereas with the opening of the new business in a new premises with new modern machinery your work can be done efficiently and well by local people. For the present, dry cleaning will be done. The laundry wash will open later. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hewlett, who in the face of difficult times to build, forged ahead with a new plant, are to be congratulated, and deserve the entire patronage of the town and district. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett have extensive experience in dry-cleaning and laundry.

Local Butchers Delay Higher Beef Prices

An increase of three cents a pound in the retail price (ceiling) for beef of top grade became effective on Monday, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board announced. Despite the report in the daily press local butcher shops have no official word so far, and prices remained stationary on Monday. "We are awaiting official notice before making any changes" in "beef prices," said Harvey Schell on Monday. Norman O'Boyle and the West End Meat Market took the same attitude and did not advance prices, although they are paying the increase for live critters.

The board said the price boost, affecting only red, blue and commercial brand, was taken to encourage a steady movement of cattle during the next few months when marketings normally are light. The increase will be two cents a pound at wholesale, carcass basis. The increase will permit cattle buyers to pay approximately 15 cents per pound for top quality cattle, basis the Toronto market, the board said.

Rev. A. B. Stein Resigns Pastorate

Pastor of Newmarket Christian Church for four or five years, Rev. A.B. Stein has tendered his resignation. This energetic outstanding man of the conference has accepted a call to serve a congregation at Niagara Falls, not under the Congregational-Christian church banner.

With the resignation of Mr. Stein, it means that three churches in the Ontario Conference are or will be without a pastor, since Stouffville and Oliver (Toronto), also have vacancies.

A call was extended to Rev. Harry Worling to become pastor at Stouffville where he served before the war, when he left to go to the mission fields in India. However, it is understood that the call has not been accepted by Mr. Worling to return to Stouffville, as his ambitions are to return to the mission field again, where he could be useful as a teacher and in a technical capacity, even with the absence of one arm which he lost as a result of war activities.

The outlook for the three churches of the conference is said by officials to be perplexing, if not serious, because of the lack of suitable young men coming forward to take up pastoral work.

Resignation of Mr. Stein will be effective in one month, and peculiar as it seems, this is the third Newmarket pastor to have resigned almost simultaneously. It is said unofficially that Rev. DeCoursey Rayner, formerly of Stouffville, may get the call to the vacancy in the Presbyterian church there.

COMMENCEMENT POSTPONED

Clarendon Continuation School Commencement advertised in this issue for March 6 and 7th has been postponed until March 13th and 14th.

Diplomas and Scholarships Given at Commencement

Twelve students received honour and graduation diplomas at the annual Commencement Exercises Thursday and Friday evenings at the Stouffville High School, while twenty-one were given their intermediate certificates.

The honour graduates were Audrey Baker, Norma Barkey, Betty Jean Freel, Kenneth Green, Vera King and Audrey Slack.

Graduation diplomas went to Paul Cummings, Margaret Freel, Billie Nigh, Kenneth Noxon, Bernard Salmon and Reta Wagg.

Those receiving intermediate certificates were, Ted Barry, Dorothy Brown, Robert Clubine, Helen Goudie, Murray Miller, Lenore Spence, Marion Vaughan, Louie Bolender, Shirley Bunker, Grant Drewery, Mary Grove, Marion Murphy, Loreen Talbot, Luella Wideman, Mildred Brillinger, Edna Byer, Lloyd Freel, Mary Harper, Percy Schell, George Timbers, Margaret Wideman.

Receiving St. John's Ambulance certificates were, Howard Baker, Roy Dowswell, Billie Nigh, Paul Cummings, Carl Grove, Kenneth Noxon, Bernard Salmon, Clemath Elias, Court Noxon, Bert Stouffer, Leonard Black.

Douglas Burkholder was presented with the Jr. championship award from the Agincourt-Markham-Stouffville field meet, Erline Paisley, the Sr. girls and Kenneth Noxon, the Sr. boys.

Winners in the local field meet were also given their awards being, Ronald Smith, midget; Marion Reid and Douglas Burkholder, junior; Helen Goudie, Donald Davis and Roy Ward, intermediate; Erline Paisley and Duncan Smith, senior.

In the field of academic awards the following prizes were presented: general proficiency, grade 9, Margaret Hisey; grade 10, Lloyd Freel; grade 11, Audrey Bell; grade 12, Reta Wagg; grade 13, Audrey Baker; Upper school English, Betty Jean Freel; Upper School History, Betty Jean Freel; Upper School Mathematics, Audrey Baker; Upper School

Science, Audrey Baker; Upper School French, Kenneth Green; Audrey Baker was winner of a Dominion-Provincial scholarship, valued at \$1600, and Kenneth Green was also winner of a Dominion-Provincial \$1600 scholarship, and the J. S. McLean Bursary, Queen's University, \$125.00.

The presentation of the diplomas and academic awards was made by D. R. Chadwick, chairman of the Board of Education. The field day awards were presented by Miss Wallen and Mr. Sherk, and Mr. Sherk also presented the St. John's Ambulance certificates.

Kenneth Noxon, president of the Literary Society was chairman, and the valedictorian was Audrey Slack. Capacity audiences were entertained with a variety of choir numbers, folk dances, pyramids and tumbling, interspersed with hilarious clowning by Howard Baker and Court Noxon.

Concluding spot on the program was given to a one-act play, "High School Daze" with cast of characters portrayed by Betty Miller, Audrey Bell, Betty Slack, Paul Cummings, Marion Sanderson, James Maunder and Bud Lehman.

The choir, made up of students of all grades were ably conducted by Principal L.C. Murphy, pyramids and tumbling were directed by Mr. Sherk, folk dances by Miss Wallen, the play by Miss Housom. Costuming and makeup were the work of Miss Campbell and properties and stage management were under the direction of Mr. Slack.

Chairman Don Chadwick's address is printed elsewhere in this issue almost in its entirety.

Lillian Redshaw met with an unfortunate accident when she fell down the steps at her aunt's home. Mrs. Wm. Redshaw's in Stouffville, tearing the ligaments in her ankle.

The public auction for Landon Steekley, Gormley, is indefinitely postponed owing to weather conditions.