

Storm Scattered Children, Whereabouts Cause Alarm

More than one home was given a good deal to worry about last week, particularly on Tuesday when the worst blizzard on record was blowing at the time children were going home from school.

Little Shirley Spence, aged 11 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Spence caused no end of alarm when she failed to make home at the accustomed hour. It was learned that Shirley had been given a ride from Ringwood school to the outskirts of Stouffville, where she was to be let off and expected to walk down the ninth to her home on the former Nathan Tarr farm where her parents had just moved the day before. On learning of the arrangement Mr. Spence hastened to the corner of 9th and townline at west end of town, but could find no trace of his daughter. School was out early to enable the children to get home, yet it was after five o'clock before the whereabouts of Shirley was learned. The farmer who gave the little girl a lift into town took her on home fearing to let her off in the storm. Not having a telephone the farmer did not contact the parents, and they did not learn of her whereabouts until the farmer who lives close to town got to a telephone around five o'clock and gave the information.

Harvey Swain, living east of town, came in for his nine-year-old son attending Stouffville school. In the meantime Master Joe secured a ride part way home on Black's truck. He was let off at Edwin Lloyd's place quite some time later, but the parents could not be advised because they have no telephone. Lloyd's advised Elmer Fockler, neighbor of Swain's, who sent the message by foot to the Swain home. The lad remained at Lloyd's since he could not safely face the storm, and it was necessary to keep him there for another day before he could get home.

A group of students from up Goodwood way attempted to drive home Tuesday night through the blizzard when they ran head-on into another car travelling south. Russell Dowdell's car, driven by his son, was badly damaged, but the passengers were not injured, whereas the other car going to Wilcox Lake escaped with less damage, but one of the occupants received nasty head cuts when he apparently crashed into the windshield as reported in our last issue.

After Breakfast Auction Successful

What is known as an after breakfast farm stock auction was tried out here with good success on the farm of Landon Steckley, Gormley, when after two unsuccessful attempts to hold a sale were abandoned because of impassable roads and storm conditions. The sale held at 10 o'clock opened sharply on time with A.S. Farmer on the block. He completed the auction in little more than two hours selling cattle, horses, implements, etc. to realize over \$2500.

In the afternoon the same auctioneer held another sale of farm stock in still another section of the country.

HORSE HOLDS TO THE TRACK AND DELAYS TRAIN

How a farm horse was given the right-of-way over a Canadian National Railway train was told by passengers on the Stouffville-Lindsay run last Thursday.

When the train was about three miles out of Lindsay it had to slow down for a horse on the tracks. Whistle blowing and bell ringing put speed in the horse but it stuck to the track and led the procession a wild chase, still much slower than the train might have travelled. It held the lead for more than a mile, then coming to a cross road, it turned in its flight.

Chalking up ten minutes late, the exasperated engine driver blamed it all on the steed which he regarded as a plodding farm horse.

ASHBURN COUPLE CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parrott of Ashburn, celebrated their golden wedding on March 24, with a number of friends and relatives present. Many tokens of esteem were received. Married in Whitby, Mr. and Mrs. Parrott, the former Margaret Draper, farmed in the vicinities of Kinsale, Mt. Zion and Ashburn until a year ago when they retired in Ashburn. They have three sons and three daughters; Alfred and Lorne of Ashburn; Roy of Georgetown; Mrs. John Briggs, (Gertrude) of Ashburn; Mrs. Lewis Jones (Gladys) and Mrs. Burnett Jamieson (Lillian) of Balsam.

Start Junior Hockey Finals Saturday Night

Stouffville's Junior O. H. A. hockey squad open the Ontario 'C' finals this Saturday night against the winner of the Orangeville-Goderich series. Saturday's game will be played in either Stratford or Waterloo, depending on the winner of the semi-final series. It will be a best two out-of-three series with the second game back in Oshawa next week. Goderich won the first game of their series on Tuesday night 6-4.

While Stouffville has had a two-week layoff, like Harper's boys have been working hard in practice sessions, and will work out at Oshawa this Wednesday night and again on Friday morning.

Wherever the game on Saturday night, a bus will be provided for local fans, tickets for which will be available at the local Gray Coach office.

Orangeville defeated Hespeler for their group championship after five games, while Goderich put New Hamburg out.

The locale of a third game, should it be necessary, will be decided by tossup.

Stouffville will go into the opening game of the series with the regular line up, three defencemen, two forward lines and one alternate man.

Co-op to Distribute Gas and Oil Annual Meeting Learns

Total assets of \$34,399.99, total earnings of \$10,743.14 and patronage dividends payable of \$8,594.52 were reported to the annual meeting of Stouffville Co-operative Association in Stouffville on March 22.

Plans for expansion include bulk distribution of gas and oil to farmers and installation of grinding and mixing equipment to handle premix feeds in an elevator purchased for \$5,000 recently.

About \$7,000 of the \$10,000 loan unit objective has been subscribed by members during the past two weeks, President Fraser Gee, Gormley, said in a report on the present financial drive. Mr. Gee urged members to get behind the drive and take up the remaining \$3,000.

H.V. Rogers, United Farmers Co-operative Co. service accounting department, Toronto, analysed the financial statement of Stouffville Co-operative Association.

The two new directors for 1947 are Mr. Fred Winn and Mr. Fred Timbers.

Markham Man Jas. Penny Dies In 104th Year

Markham's oldest resident, Jas. Penny, died on Friday at his home here in his 104th year.

Born in Cornwall, England, in 1844 Mr. Penny came to Canada when 28



James Penny years old. He settled in Markham Township where he has lived all his life.

He had enjoyed good health up until a year ago and had celebrated his 87th wedding anniversary a few weeks previous to his death.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Boyington, four sons, Andrew, James and William of Markham, and Edgar of Toronto. Four daughters, Mrs. Wesley McDowell of Markham; Mrs. William Prince of Agincourt; Mrs. Bruce Devitt, Armadale, and Mrs. Wilfred Pike of Windsor. Twenty-two grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Redshaw will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 4th.

Triple Death, a Mother, Daughter and Sister-in-Law, Die Within One Week

Mrs. Fred Beelby Suddenly Stricken at Atha, as Mother Dies at Coldwater, then Sister-in-Law at Locust Hill

Death struck with tragic force at the Beelby family the past few days. On Saturday evening, March 30th, Mrs. Fred Beelby of Atha, died suddenly following a stroke. The same evening her mother, Mrs. Henry Davis of Ballantrae, died while on a visit to Coldwater. She had been in poor health. A sister-in-law Mrs. Ernest Beelby of Locust Hill was rushed to the Brierbush Hospital suffering from a peculiar malady, not readily diagnosed. She died in hospital Monday evening this week despite the attendance of a specialist and a battery of physicians. Three deaths in three days of close relatives is a shocking tragedy not seldom recorded.

Mrs. Fred Beelby had not been ill, although she had been a sufferer from high blood pressure for many years. She was only in her 41st year. Deceased was the former Rhoda Davis of Ballantrae, and had been married to Fred Beelby for nearly twenty years.

Since their marriage the couple had always farmed in Pickering in the vicinity of Atha and were identified with the Green River Baptist Church.

Besides a husband, the late Mrs. Beelby is survived by one daughter, Blanche, three sisters, Mrs. Chas Carter, Green River; Mrs. L. Sallows of Coldwater, and another sister in Victoria Harbour; also five brothers, Henry and Milton, Ballantrae; Earl of Midland; Walter, Green River and Herman.

The funeral service on Tuesday afternoon was conducted from the late home, with interment in the Claremont cemetery. The late Mrs. Davis who passed away at Coldwater, was a native of Ballantrae, and was brought to Church Hill cemetery for burial. She was in her 87th year.

Mrs. Ernest Beelby was in the prime of life being in her 47th year. Her maiden name was Elsie Carter, daughter of Benj. Carter, and besides her husband there survives one daughter and four sons. The family are well known around Locust Hill where they live and where they enjoy so many friends.

SOLD HOUSE SECOND TIME

In less than ten days after having sold the former John Ratcliff house at corner of Main and Albert streets Harvey Moyer, for the Willoughby agency has turned the property over again. Recently owned by Mrs. Pugh present occupants, she disposed of it last week through Mr. Moyer to W. G. Cassie of Uxbridge, who since buying changed his mind about moving to Stouffville. He ordered Mr. Moyer to re-sell the place, which was done this week when Jos. Sider of Gormley, became the purchaser.

Pickering Seed Oats Sell Over \$5 a bus.

At the Quinte Seed Fair held in Oshawa recently, two ten bushel lots of prize-winning, registered Beaver Oats sold for over \$5 per bushel. This is believed to be the highest price ever received for oats in Ontario county.

The winning seed was produced on the farm of W. H. Westney deputy-reeve of Pickering township.

A. T. Pennock Farmed Near Here

Retired builder and contractor, Angus Theodore Pennock died Monday at his home in Toronto in his 88th year. Born at Unionville, Mr. Pennock owned a farm near Stouffville for some years prior to moving to Toronto 35 years ago. An ardent deer hunter he engaged in the sport for over 50 years. Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Makins; three daughters, Mrs. J. Morrison, Mrs. F. Donnelly, both of Toronto, and Mrs. W. T. Billard Beverly Hills, Cal.; and four sons, Norman, Bernard, Angus and Theodore, all of Toronto.

RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Mrs. Jas. H. Ratcliff has returned from an extended holiday in the south, and reports having a very enjoyable time. Visitors at the Ratcliff home over the weekend were Miss Grace Ratcliff and Miss T. Reynolds, Christie Hospital staff.

Busy Baseball Season Planned

Even though hockey has not yet folded for the season, already there is baseball chatter to be heard, and Stouffville will be represented almost definitely by three teams this year, a Junior O.B.A. entry, and a Midget and Bantam squad.

The local Lions Club are expected to be backing this summer's baseball in a big way, and the new executive to handle this work has been placed in office. They are, Manager, Reg Button; Coach, Ted Edwards; Sec. Treas., Norm Baker; Equipment, Norm Farr; Transportation and Grounds, Don Lewis and Lou Murphy. This group will definitely give their time in handling the two minor groups, but whether or not the O.B.A. entry will be handled independent of the Lions Club, is not yet definite.

At the close of the baseball season last year, it was mooted that the 1947 season would see Stouffville back in the running with an intermediate team, and this may yet materialize, but there is nothing brewing along this line at the moment so far as we can learn.

Extensive plans are being made for improvement to the ball grounds, and a bumper baseball summer looks likely.

"ENOUGH TO MAKE ONE GO BALD"

The man who lost his \$7 fedora in last week's blizzard may feel that the storm was an unlucky one for him, but the citizen whose wig blew off doesn't describe the worst storm of years so mildly.

As he explained to the press, "I carry life insurance, accident insurance, sick benefits, as well as theft insurance on my car," and yet I have to foot the bill for a \$40 head-piece that it seems is not covered under these contracts."

Our only comment: "Its enough to cause any man to go bald."

RESIDENT OF UNIONVILLE FIFTY YEARS

For more than 50 years a resident of this district, Charles McMullen died of heart failure yesterday while riding in a milk transport driven by Mr. J. McCarter of this village.

Mr. McMullen is survived by two brothers Ezra of Toronto and Hermann of Unionville.

Pickering Orders Second Maintainer

This Year's Snowplowing Costs Highest in Township History.

Pickering Township Council in regular session on Tuesday, placed an order with the Adams Co. for a new maintainer, fully equipped for road work and snowplowing, at an approximate cost of \$13,000. No definite date could be given the council as to delivery, but it was hoped to have the new machine in operation at the beginning of next winter.

Snowplowing costs this winter totalled \$11,500, it was revealed, the largest amount ever expended in this way in the history of the township, by \$4000. This large amount paid for the operation of three truck plows, a maintainer, and on one occasion, four bulldozers, in addition to some shovelling. Road accounts passed for payment on Tuesday amounted to \$5390.28.

The Bell Telephone Co. was granted permission to erect a pole on the road allowance, between con. 1 and range III at lot 15.

Council also approved the bylaw passed by Ontario County at their last session whereby the county will assume all bridges in the township of over thirty foot span.

COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL

A special meeting of York County Council is being called for Wednesday, April 9, for the purpose of dealing with matters concerning the Dufferin street diversionary road created on account of the DeHavilland airport.

SIXTY YEARS MARRIED

Congratulations are due Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, Stouffville (east end) who on Tuesday, April 1st, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

YORK COUNTY CALF CLUB

Members of last year's club will be pleased to know that at the Holstein Banquet at Buttonville last week Ray Ingleton and John Kennedy of Agincourt who are representatives of the Markham Calf Club won the Provincial championship presented with Waterman pens by the Holstein Club in recognition of the honor they brought to the county. They also stood second in the Dominion competition with all provinces.

Rev. J. B. Cunningham of Calgary was a visitor with Mr. Glenn Ratcliff and the Macgregor family for a couple of days last week.

Friday is a public holiday in town and all stores will close at 6 p.m. Thursday evening, the business men announce. The custom of remaining open before a holiday is not being observed any longer, so patrons should keep this in mind.

Site Sold for Implement Showroom and Residence

Fred Byer of Atha, has purchased a site just west of town for a sales room and residence, and expects to commence building operation just as soon as he can get materials on the ground.

The location is 600 feet west of the 9th concession corner on the townline, almost opposite and north of the new garage put up by Alf. Mole. The vendor is Win. Timbers, and off this same property has recently been sold the site for the proposed Memorial hall to be built by the Veterans Club. There is a 200 foot lot in reserve between Mr. Byers property and Wilson & Thomas' garage on the corner.

Mr. Byer made many efforts to buy land more central but there simply was nothing available, and the town is growing westward, so that he estimates he is right in the line of traffic at any rate. He handles John Deere implements and other farm equipment.

Until the new place is ready Mr. and Mrs. Byer have secured temporary quarters at Atha on the Lehman farm.

NOT OPEN BEFORE HOLIDAY

The Business Men's Association announce that the stores in Stouffville will close as usual at six o'clock this Thursday evening prior to the Friday holiday. The old custom of remaining open before a holiday is discontinued.

ORGANIZE TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

A special teacher-training course has been adopted by the executive of the Markham Township Sunday School Association. The course is being sponsored by the Township Association and will be given in the month of May on the evenings of the following dates—May 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21.

The personnel of the faculty will consist of those who are specializing in this field and will be representatives of the different denominations of the Township as far as possible.

Wee Pre-Easter Babe

One of the smallest babies born in Ontario this year arrived at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on March 27 for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller of Whitchurch. The wee daughter was placed in an incubator and removed to the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto where it is reported to be holding its own. The child at birth weighed but 2 pounds, 11 ounces.

SENDING BOXES TO BRITAIN

The Women's Association of Stouffville United Church is behind a drive gathering clothing for the British Isles, and are making monthly shipments. Those who can help in this way will be aiding a worthy cause.

The many friends of Mr. Ralph Flint, Toronto, and old Stouffville boy, will regret to learn that his condition is not very good. Mr. Flint has been ill in bed about three months suffering from a heart ailment from which he is not making very rapid recovery.

CO-OP. PRESIDENT TO WED

Fraser Gee, Gormley, president of Stouffville Co-operative Association will marry Winifred McMath, Clinton on April 2nd.

New Mail Contracts Indicate Better Pay for Couriers

Last week two mail contracts were awarded to applicants for the carrying of His Majesty's rural mail from Stouffville. Fred Chessman was given the contract for route No. 1 running south and serving the ninth and tenth concessions of Markham as far as No. 7 highway for a reported price of \$750. The coverage is 15 miles.

Myron Anderson secured the job of courier on route No. 2, serving central Whitchurch township particularly that area along the ninth around Musselman's Lake up to Vivian and back via the 8th and 7th concessions. The contract price is reported to be \$1650, and the distance 29 miles.

Those who are familiar with the pay of rural couriers in past years will realize that present tenders are being received and accepted at much higher rates.

There were three tenders filed for the longer route given to Myron Anderson, but the press didn't learn how many tenders for the shorter route which is acceptable to Mr. Chessman since he is the courier from the post office to the depot for all mails and will have plenty to keep him busy.