

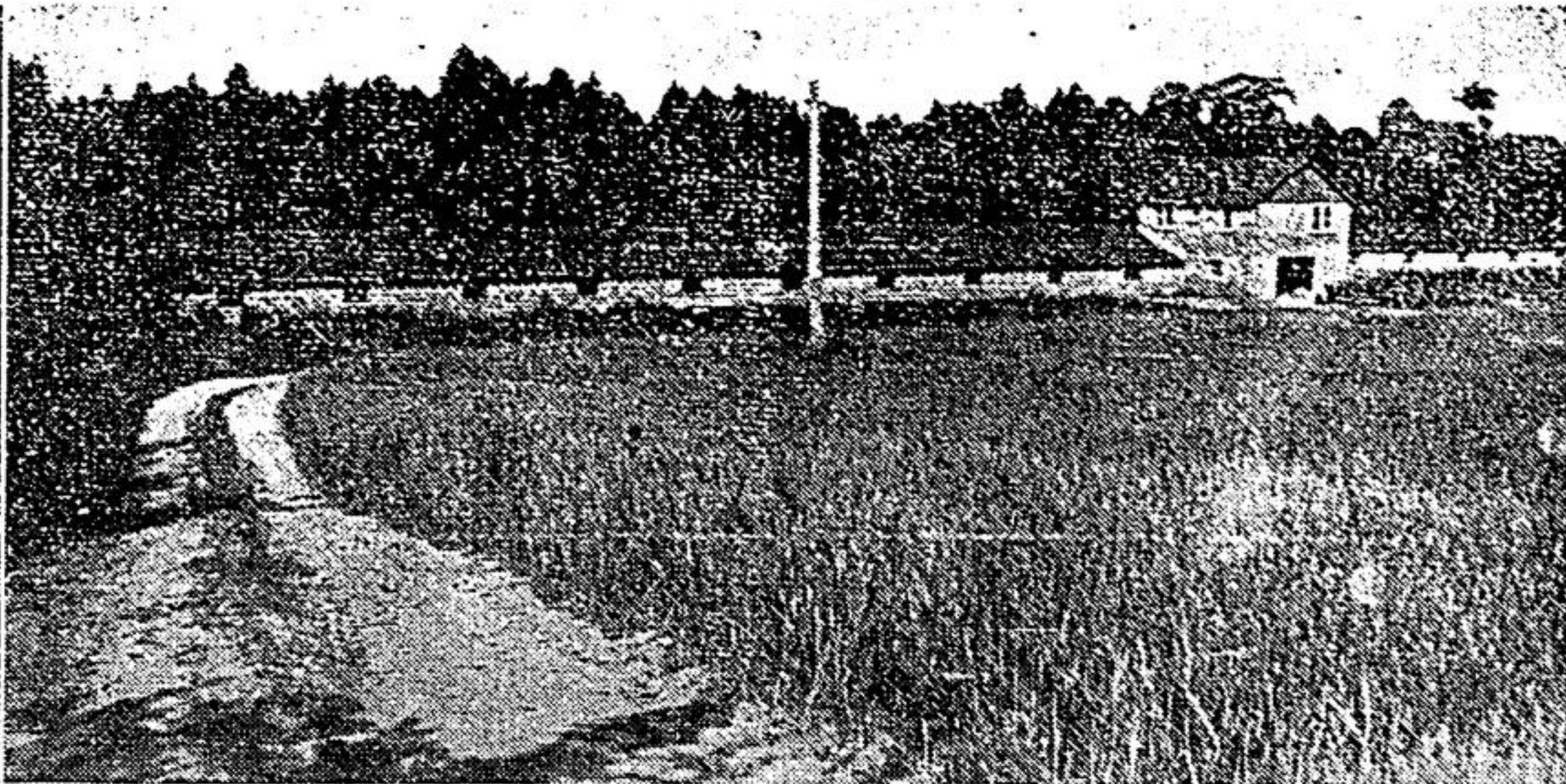


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Nearby Farm in Pickering Township Provides Thousands of Ducks for Toronto Market



Local Duck Farm Envisions Output Over 50,000 "Quackers"

Ugly Duckling Not so Ugly in Their Modern Estate Enjoying Running Water for Drinking and Hot Water Heating

President of the Imperial Tobacco Co., of Canada, Limited, Mr. Earl Spafford, flew from Montreal to Toronto, and drove out to Stouffville last week to see for the first time the development of his company's 50,000 duck farm just east of town in the corner of Pickering township. Started as a mere hobby at Knowlton near Montreal, Brome Ducks Limited has grown to great proportions, and last fall purchased the William Slack farm to be closer to the Toronto market, where their produce is growing in increased demand. Brome Lake Ducks, all Pekins, grace the tables of every large hotel in the city and many of the high class restaurants.

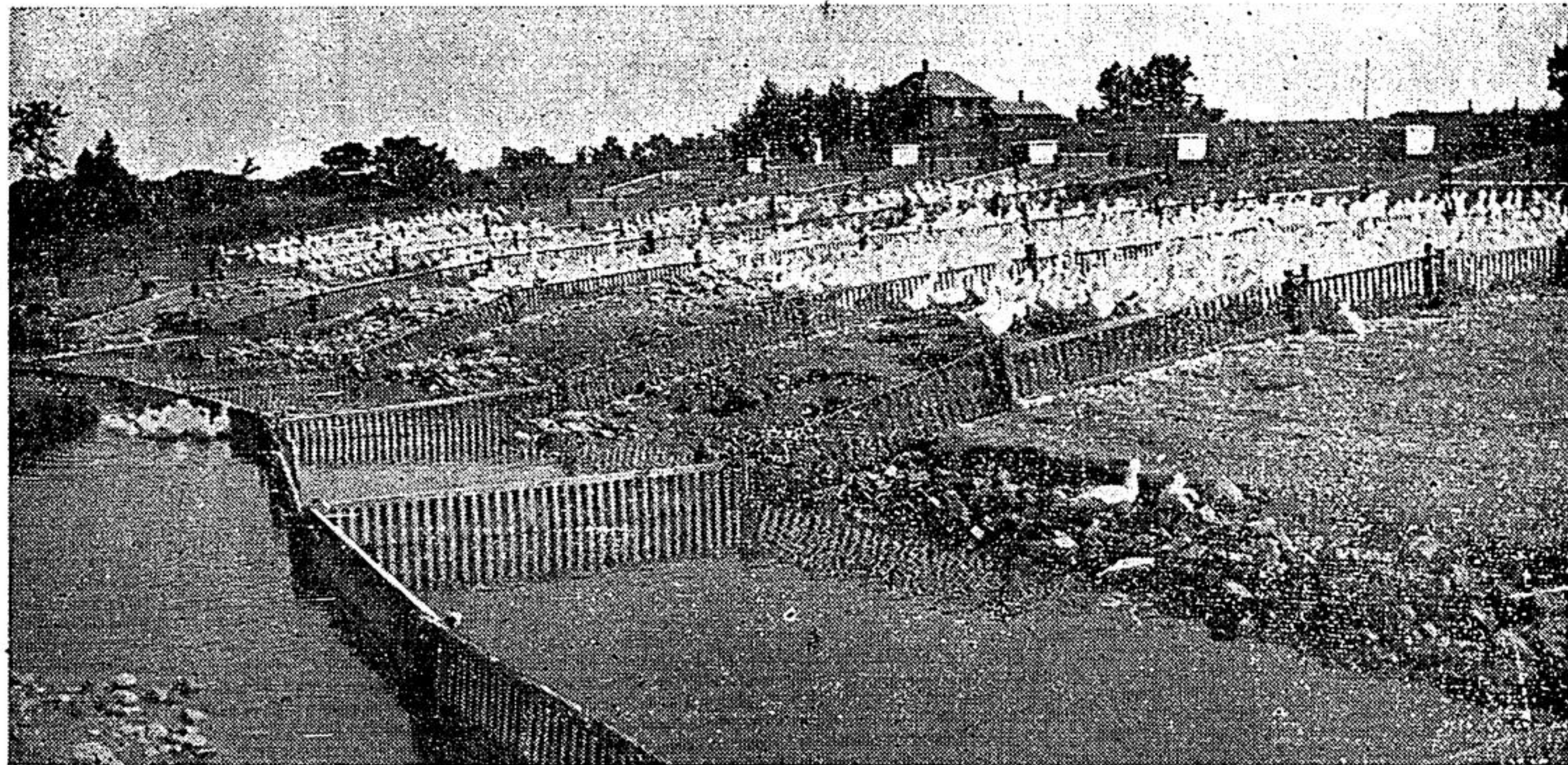
The development of Brome Lake Ducks, Limited, reads something like a fairy tale. Started at Knowlton, Quebec, by Mr. Spafford and a companion Mr. G. B. Foster, prominent Montreal lawyer, as a sort of hobby, or diversion from their busy life, is dedicated to serving the Montreal market. A demand came from Toronto for these ducks, and this business had grown to such proportions that it was deemed advisable to establish a farm closer to the Queen City. Thus was Mr. E. G. Wilson, manager, delegated to locate a property in this district, and he chose the Slack farm on a beautiful running stream a couple of miles east of Stouffville.

Purchased only last fall the new enterprise here has developed with amazing rapidity. Notwithstanding difficult building conditions buildings have been erected, heating plants installed also running water through thousands of feet to serve the birds. The largest building on the premises is 450 feet in length. It houses scores of small pens containing thousands of ducklings from a day old as they arrive from Knowlton plant, in all stages of growth.

While 7,000 ducks are quacking about in the pens, Mr. Wilson says he has visions of 30,000 to 50,000 or more ducks on the premises when things get into full swing.

The spacious big home on the farm is not in charge of Manager Wilson, for here Mrs. Wilson holds sway. Does she like Stouffville and the rural people after living in Quebec? Certainly, she says yes with an emphasis, but she would like to exchange that lovely refrigerator standing there like a nice ornament unused because it is not set to sixty cycle Niagara requirements, and the cost of the change-over is almost prohibitive. Perhaps some day someone will come along who requires a 25 cycle freezer instead of a 60 they have, and if that happens two homes can be made happy. However, running water has been installed and bathroom facilities are all in, and so Mrs. Wilson likes her new home where her husband is really developing the duck industry in a big way for his admiring employers.

As we looked at the myriads of early hatched ducklings the idea struck us that the ugly duckling is not so ugly after all. They are rather cute as they toddle about on unsteady legs. Cared for better than some humans, these toddlers get the best of feed, drink from running troughs, and if the nights get a bit chilly they have hot water running through each pen. Heat is supplied from a large central plant and the furnace is stocker fed, maintaining an even temperature regardless of (Continued on Page Seven)



Ducks are big business on this Altona farm two miles east of town. Upper left: Let's go swimming, quack thousands of ducks as they make for the refreshing

waters of the running brook on this Pickering farm. Upper right: View of a section of the cement block duck pens just completed for Brome Lake Ducks Limited. High building

in centre contains hot water boiler and stoker. Running water for drinking and hot water is part of modern equipment. Lower: Pens and yards leading from the 450 foot building

stretch to the stream at the foot of the yards where thousands and thousands of lovely white Pekins enjoy life to the full. When they reach seven and eight pounds they leave for the big city market.

Young Business Man Takes Nova Scotia Bride

A quiet wedding took place Monday evening at the home of Rev. W. Fleischer, Uxbridge, when Ada Winifred Payne, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Payne of Nova Scotia, became the bride of Harry Morley Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Byer of Stouffville.

The bride chose a silver gray suit with a navy hat and accessories, and a corsage of white roses. She was attended by Mrs. G. M. Fleischer, wearing a blue suit with matching hat, and corsage of pink roses. Mr. G. M. Fleischer was best man.

After a reception at the home of the groom's parents in Stouffville, the couple left for a motor trip to Muskoka.

Butter Fat Reaches 60c. a Pound

Highest market price paid to farmers for butter fat in Stouffville since 1918, nearly thirty years, was touched the past week by Stouffville Creamery, when they quoted farmers 60 cents a pound delivered at the creamery.

"We paid as high as 72c. at the peak of prices during the first war", said Mr. Borinsky, but the crash came soon after. Present price of sixty cents may go even higher before the top is reached, although the supply is well taken care of

Enjoys Good Dinner Dies an Hour Later

Apparently enjoying normal health, Miss Elizabeth Cook of Lemonville, passed away with shocking suddenness at the home of Mrs. Clara Gilroy, on Tuesday this week. Miss Cook who was in her 86th year, had partaken of a hearty noon meal, and was sitting in a chair when she expired. Mrs. Gilroy was upstairs at the time, and hearing a peculiar noise went down to find her friend who had been staying with her lately, dead.

Lifelong resident of Whitechurch, the elderly spinster was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Cook. She was an aunt to the late Jess Cook who was serving as a member of Whitechurch council at the time of his death a few years ago.

Surviving are two nephews living in Toronto. Funeral service will be held at the home of Mrs. Gilroy in Lemonville, this Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will follow at the Heise Hill cemetery.

Ballantrae Was Rocked by Violent Wind Storm

Stouffville and district was subjected to one of the most violent wind and electrical storms that can be remembered, when on Monday night the high wind shortly after the tea hour tangled hydro lines and started a fire at a transformer on Main street at Dunn's garage. This necessitated a shut-down of power for only a brief period when the trouble was corrected.

At Ballantrae a regular twister passed over the hamlet, snapping off high trees as though they were matches, and upturning others. On the Ross Hood farm just north of Ballantrae corner about fifteen trees were upturned or snapped off, some of them lovely large maples. A corner of the Peterson bush was caught in the whirl and trees were hurled out over the highway completely blocking traffic on the 8th concession.

Mr. Hood said he could feel the house shaking as the velocity of the wind struck. On the premises of Col. Hollinrake large ornamental trees were laid low, while a big white birch fell within ten feet of the humble cottage of Mrs. Wm. Coppins. Had it fallen in the opposite direction the house could have been crashed in.

A tremendous sized pine on the farm of Bert Baker was quartered down the trunk. A new chimney on the M.B.C. church in town, just completed on Monday, was shattered and will have to be built again. In this same area fuses were knocked out in the home of Mr. E. R. Good, while Percy Tarr's house and Harmon Hoover's also felt the impact when lightning played freakishly in the rooms.

In the home of Cecil Wagg next to the school and in the same area damage was caused to the hydro, but fortunately not very serious. William Simpson of the Brown Betty thinks they were knocking at him (the elements) during the 6:30 storm since a tree was struck on his property at the north end of Edward street right close to where he was standing. He felt no effects from the bolt of lightning, but he did move away from the spot.

It is amazing that so wicked a storm could descend and cause so little damage to buildings, although the trees lost around Ballantrae will probably never be replaced. They merely go for wagon loads of fire wood.

The damage caused at the home (Continued on Back Page)

Punished for Breaking Township Bylaw

Before Magistrate Webster in County Court this week, S. Bradshaw was fined \$20 and costs for building a house in Markham Township without first obtaining a building permit. The property is lot 40, con. 1, on the Stephens subdivision.

A similar case arose in July when the Pape Avenue Lumber Co. erected a garage for J. Heaton without a permit. Building Inspector Archie Fleming ordered the building taken down. Nothing was done to comply with the order and a summons was issued. The garage was removed the day before the case was slated for hearing, and the matter was adjourned.

Big Flower Show Despite Hot Weather

Despite the intense heat and the fact that flowers have not just been the best this season, over forty entries were made for the Horticultural display seen in the United Church basement last Thursday evening. There were forty exhibitors from a membership of 270 and they made a fine display. Mr. F. Silfiant of Toronto was the judge, and a short program was rendered by Mrs. C. Nolan, Doreen Ogden and Mrs. Howard Ratcliff, and Margaret Stover. Bert Staley of Goodwood gave a couple of humorous numbers.

A competition for men only in arranging a basket of flowers was won by Rev. D. Davis. Other contestants were Hugh Banerman, E. R. Good, Mr. Woodland, Robt. Ratcliff and Mr. Weldon.

The president, E. R. Good, presided. Prize winners: Asters, 6 bloom (double)—Doris Vague, Lorne Gillion, M. Nicely. Buddleia—Mrs. L. Slack, Mrs. W. Timbers, Mrs. E. Good. Tuberosus Begonia—Mrs. F. Fairles. Cleome or Spider Plant—Mrs. W. Timbers. Cosmos—Mrs. M. Storey, Mrs. Knox-leet. Calendula—Mrs. Timbers, Doreen Ogden, Mrs. O. Lehman. Dahlias—Mrs. M. Storey, Mrs. R. (Continued on Page Seven)

Juniors Meet Cobourg or Bowmanville

Stouffville Junior ball club, winners of the North-York group, will meet the winner of the Bowmanville-Cobourg series in the next round of the Ontario Junior 'B' playdowns, first game to be played next Wednesday, Aug. 27th.

According to Albert Walker, O.B.A. convener at Oshawa, Bowmanville will play at Cobourg this Wednesday, with the return game in Bowmanville Saturday; third game to be on Monday, if necessary. The winner of this series represents the Lakeshore group. The locale of the first game for Stouffville will not be determined until the end of the week.

PICKERING FLIER LOCATED UNINJURED

J. B. Mutton of Pickering, pilot of a photographic plane reported missing since August 10 in a story on an inside page, has been found alive and well, near the wreckage of his plane.

Saturday Night Swim Ends in Nearly Fatal Accident on 8th Con.

Two young men and two girls from Toronto motored to Musselman's lake on Saturday night from the city intending to go swimming, but later decided that they would proceed on to Lake Simcoe, just to have a swim, although it was after ten o'clock. Travelling near Mount Albert on the 8th concession of Whitechurch the car upset, three of the party taken to Newmarket hospital, and only one escaped injury. The injured were two girls and a boy, one of whom was near death for a time, but later reports indicate a recovery will be made.

The young couple were travelling in a new Ford car just off the lines three months, and police said they were evidently travelling too fast. Most seriously injured was Marion Chard, 19, suffering from severe head injuries and punctured lung. She was still unconscious on Monday. Ellen Morrison suffered shock and severe bruises, and one of the lads, Clifford Styles was badly shaken and cut. Only John Butchell escaped injury. The young fellows were just 21.

Son of Westend Meat Merchant Held Ticket On Athletic Refrig.

Ralph Oulette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oulette, westend, Stouffville held the lucky ticket on the electric refrigerator, given away as first prize by the Stouffville Athletic Club at their big celebration here on Wednesday night. The second prize, a radio-phonograph combination, went to Gordon Coxworth of Milliken; A. Horn of Toronto won the Mixmaster, and Mrs. Laura Reynolds of Claremont, the mantel radio. Isobel Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson, was the little girl chosen to pull the lucky tickets.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for the affair, and several thousand people were on hand to enjoy the smooth musical offerings of Geo. Wade and his Corn Huskers, and to play the numerous games of chance.

Ted Edwards, chairman of the evening, wishes to extend, on behalf of the local Athletic Club, appreciation to all those who assisted with their time and energy to make the night a success, particularly those members of the Lions Club and the Stouffville Legion.

Loyst Cannery Has Processed 15,000 Lbs. Beef for Europeans

Rev. Harold J. Sherk, Kitchener, manager for the Central Committee for Mennonite Relief, was in town on Monday, and told The Tribune that the Loyst Cannery at Claremont had so far this year processed at least 15,000 pounds of beef, for shipment to European countries where Mr. Sherk had spent the past five years, aiding in distribution and in supervisory capacity.

On the other hand this same cannery will process tomatoes for the Committee. This year Mr. Sherk said that standard cans would be available and permitted, instead of a special size, which was not so convenient, and the change will be helpful and appreciated, he said.

Two mature beef were donated by the church folk at Baden, near Kitchener, last week, and contributions of a similar nature from this prosperous district of Stouffville and Markham may be reported, is the hope of Mr. Sherk. The food is needed, he reports first hand, to feed starving women and children.

Mr. Sherk has been there, seen and heard, and is ready to testify what a great opportunity is at the door of our people here in Ontario to feed the hungry. "Just a year ago this very day," mused this former Stouffville pastor, "I was on the streets of Calcutta, India. Fiercest riots of all times raged there. I was struck but not hurt, and was thankful to escape as I did," he said.

Rev. Mr. Sherk will be remembered as the pastor here five years ago, but he was called to take over an executive position because of his peculiar qualifications to fill the task that faced the church at that time. His ability to do a worthwhile job speaks for itself, said a friend.

Friends' Bucket Line Saves Farmer's Barn

Prompt action of neighbors, who formed a bucket brigade, is credited with saving a barn and implement shed on the farm of Allen Reesor, 4th concession, Scarboro Township, Monday night. A brooder house, with 19 hens, was destroyed. Neighbors, carrying pails of water, had the blaze under control before the arrival of the Markham fire brigade. Heavy rains during the night finally quenched the smoldering blaze. The nearby implement shed and barn were untouched by the fire.