

THE LAST SHOE . . .



Photo by Johnston Studio

Seen here is William Griffiths and the last shoe fashioned in a blacksmith shop in Stouffville. One hour after this act, the smithy shop was dismantled, and thus the last blacksmith in the village discontinued business. Closing of Griffiths' blacksmith shop, leaves Stouffville without a smithy for the first time in its seventy years as an incorporated municipality. In fact 50 years ago the town had three or four shops, and six or seven workmen. For some

years only the Griffiths shop has served the town and district, and was the only blacksmith between Stouffville and Yonge street. It was customary for farmers and persons with riding stables to come here and take the smithy out in their car in order to get their shoeing done. "Billy" Griffiths came to Stouffville from his native Wales back in 1911, and took up his trade with the late Byron Beebe. (Incidentally, Mrs. Griffiths came

out three years later) Here he remained for 13 years, when he opened his own shop on Market street which was closed last week for all time. One hour after this picture was snapped for The Tribune, the premises were dismantled and the smithy, donned his coat for the last time and went home. Too young to retire Mr. Griffiths will be employed by Canadian Line Materials at Scarborough. The old shop is being remodelled and will be occupied by Walter Smith, electric welder.

Horticultural President Gets Second Term

President E. R. Good was returned to office by the members of the Stouffville Horticultural Society, as a tribute, no doubt, to his hard-working effort during the past year. The annual meeting and a pot-luck supper was attended by members and friends in the United Church basement last week, for which Mrs. Howard Ratcliff had charge of the music and provided an entertaining program. Mr. Gordon Miller of West Hill showed colored movies taken in gardens of the Scarborough district.

The election of officers was as follows:

President—E. R. Good.
Vice-president—Bert Miller.
2nd Vice-pres.—Mrs. H. Dixon
Secretary—Margery Mertens
Treasurer—Ann Lehman
Directors 1948—Mrs. Percy Stover, Mrs. F. Fairles, Miss M. Hosis, Mrs. H. Ogden, H. O. Klinck.
Directors 1949—Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. W. Timbers, A. E. Weldon, Mrs. L. Turner, W. Timbers.
Rev. D. Davis was made an honorary director.

Uxbridge Assessment Up Sixty-two Percent

The Uxbridge Township Council met on Monday afternoon, Nov. 17, as a Court of Revision of the 1948 assessment roll, with sixteen complaints against assessment values to be given consideration. Some of the complaints were more in the nature of inquiries as to why assessments had been increased, but all were considered as appeals and dealt with accordingly.

Seven appellants were represented at Court, and were heard concerning their respective appeals, after which the Court considered the various complaints and decided upon the merits of each.

Two appellants, although not represented at the Court, were on the advice of the County Assessor as well as the local assessor given some consideration, as the assessors thought after having re-examined the properties that some reduction should be allowed. In the remainder of the cases the present assessments were sustained.

The new assessment increases the assessment of the Township by nearly sixty-two per cent, and the assessors and the members of the Council appreciate the fact that so few complaints were filed, and that the great majority of the ratepayers were willing to give the new system a fair trial.

Mennonite Brethren in Christ Change Name to "United Missionary Churches"

Potsdam, Ohio—At the quadrennial session of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, recently concluded at Potsdam, Ohio, it was decided to change the general name of the church body to that of the United Missionary Church.

The reason assigned for the change of the church name, was the conviction that the work of the church could be more successfully carried on in the home and foreign fields under the newly-adopted name.

One annual conference, Pennsylvania, did not concur to the necessity for the present change in the church name, and was voted full and unqualified relationship to the General Conference of the body, while it continues to use the name of Mennonite Brethren in Christ.

Since 1921 the missionary organization of the church has been known as the United Missionary Society. The new denomination name, United Missionary Church, will link the work in North America with that of the church on foreign fields.

The doctrines of the church will remain the same as formerly. Only major addition to the discipline is the inclusion in the articles of faith of the doctrine of tithing, under the heading of General Stewardship.

Reports given at the General Conference showed that much progress had been made during the past year. Nineteen missionaries have been sent out since the first of January, thirteen of these being new missionaries being sent out for the first time. The denomination now has the outstanding record of one foreign missionary for every 185 members in the homeland.

A liberal arts college, known as Bethel College, has opened at Mishawaka, Indiana, and will be developed into a \$2,000,000 institution.

For the first time in history, offerings during the past year totalled more than a million dollars, an all time record of \$75.76 per member. This was \$4.00 more than one year ago, and one of the highest averages reported by any denomination in North America.

Chairman of the General Executive for the next four years will be Rev. R. P. Dittmer, Springfield, Ohio. Vice-President is Rev. W. E. Manges of Elkhart, Indiana. Secretary is Rev. F. B. Hertzog of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. The next General Conference will convene in Michigan in 1951.

Ralph Flint was Native of Stouffville

The death of Ralph Flint, builder and contractor, in Toronto on Wednesday morning this week, will be learned with regret by old friends in Stouffville. A native of this town, born here 73 years ago, Mr. Flint was a son of the late George Flint, sr., and was one of a family of twelve children. Only one brother now survives, he being Simeon Flint of Rochester. Mr. Flint's wife passed away several years ago, and two daughters and one son survive the parents. Another boy was killed in the first war. The deceased was an uncle to Mrs. Frank Baker of Stouffville.

VANDORF RESIDENT APPARENT GOOD HEALTH PASSES IN SLEEP

Lifelong resident of Whitechurch township living at Vandorf, Fred Pattenden died there last week at the age of only 62 years. He passed away in his sleep, and had not been in ill health, which adds to the shocking suddenness of his death. Mr. Pattenden had served as a public school trustee for a number of years, and kept in close touch with municipal affairs.

Surviving are his widow, formerly Della Preston; two sons, Chester and Garnet and three daughters, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. I. Foote and Muriel.

Goodwood Man to Carry Ontario Farmers' Protest to Ottawa

At a meeting of the South Ontario Federation of Agriculture on Monday night, Howard Harper, well-known Goodwood farmer, was elected as representative on a delegation which the federation is sending to Ottawa to protest the government's decontrol move.

In a sharply-worded resolution, backed by more than 50 members, the federation made it clear that without some assistance to farmers, valuable breeding stock was certain to be "either exported or slaughtered."

Heber Down, former member of Pickering Township council, and president of the South Ontario Federation acted as chairman. The text of the resolution to be presented at Ottawa, is as follows:

"Whereas prices for farm products were pegged during the war years and we were asked to increase production which we did with the understanding we would be assured of cost of production plus a fair profit; in view of sacrifices made during the war years, we feel with the removal of ceiling prices on coarse grains and concentrates that unless some relief is given, production of pork, beef, dairy and poultry products will be drastically reduced and much valuable breeding stock either exported or slaughtered and that the remuneration for farm labor is very much out of line with that being paid in other industries."

WHY? A MOUSE

To be routed out of a car by a bit of a mouse while enroute from Toronto, was the exciting and unusual experience of a local girl and a young lady from west of town, who were being driven by a young man companion. Speeding along in the usual way, one of the girls seated in the rear screamed as the unwanted passenger appeared bouncing across her lap just as excited as the young girl. The car was halted and a search made, but the little stowaway could not be located, so with knees trembling the passengers got back into the car and proceeded to town without further thrill. Just how the mouse got aboard is not clear, but it was evident that it was one of those city mice bent on a trip to the country to visit some cousins.

York County Farmers Plan Protest

The York County Federation of Agriculture is holding a protest meeting at Richmond Hill on Saturday evening next as advertised elsewhere in this issue to discuss and protest the increased feed grain prices which have created such a crisis in the poultry and livestock production programs. While there is some prospect of relief in the whole milk market, it is felt by most of the farmers that something must be done to stop the heavy liquidation of hogs and poultry flocks now taking place.

The meeting is open to all farmers and everyone interested is asked to attend and take part in the discussion being made possible by the Federation of Agriculture. The meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall at 8 p.m. and will be addressed by W. J. Wood of Alliston, district director for the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Lifelong Farmer Dies in 79th Year

A lifelong resident of the district just north of Stouffville, William Nesbitt, died in the Brierbush Hospital, Monday, in his 79th year. He farmed all his active days, north of town, excepting for a short time south of Claremont. Mr. Nesbitt had been in failing health all last summer, and had undergone two operations.

Surviving is his wife, the former Martha Degeer, Lemonville, and the funeral on Wednesday afternoon proceeded to Churchill cemetery for interment.

Rev. E. Morton assisted by Rev. Hallman conducted the service and pallbearers were, Elmer Wells, Alger Maye, Walter Gray, Stewart Rae, Wilbur Cloughton and Orval Drewery.

VETERANS Euchre Party, Odd-fellows Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. Good prizes.

Robt. Winterstein Laid To Rest in 87th Year

Son of pioneer parents in Scott Township, Joseph Robert Winterstein died in the Brierbush Hospital at midnight on Saturday, Nov. 15. He was in his 87th year, and had spent all his life in the district, living at Mount Albert, and in Markham township before locating in Whitechurch. He was known as a careful, industrious farmer and beekeeper, and enjoyed very good health, but a few weeks ago he had a fall from which he failed to recover.

In 1884 Mr. Winterstein united in marriage with Violet Isobel Jones, and the couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last July, which was also their 50th year in Whitechurch township. His parents were Joseph Davis Winterstein and Jemima Wesley, both of Scott township. Besides his wife, Mr. Winterstein is survived by two sons, Joseph D., and William Ross Winterstein. A daughter Mrs. Allen Clossen died several years ago. There are four grandchildren.

The funeral took place from the late home at lot 10, con. 6, Whitechurch, to Stouffville cemetery, Rev. E. Morton and Rev. Gibson Brown conducting the service. Mr. Winterstein was a member of Bloomington Christian church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Nelson Winterstein of Lucknow, Wesley Hackner, James Hackner, Stephen Sellers, Earl Pipher and Wilmot Cook, all nephews of the deceased.

MYRTLE STATION MAN DEAD
Resident of Myrtle Station, William J. Cook died there suddenly on Sunday at the advanced age of 85 years. He is survived by his wife the former Mary Hannah White. Mr. Cook was a veteran of the district and widely known there. Burial was made in Pine Grove cemetery on Tuesday.

BUSINESSMEN — Be sure and attend the Annual meeting of the Business Men's Association to be held in the Municipal Hall this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. William Wright, resident of the Lakeshore Road, Toronto, was in town on Wednesday visiting his sister Mrs. T. C. Gostick.

Hydro Chief was Born at Almira

Dr. Frederick Arthur Gaby, who served the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission for 27 years as chief engineer, died unexpectedly Friday morning at the Toronto General Hospital of coronary thrombosis, in his 70th year.

Outstanding among engineers in Canada, Dr. Gaby left the Hydro Commission in 1934, following the election of the Hepburn Government. The new Hydro Commission brought an action against Dr. Gaby and three other Hydro officials for recovery of \$4,553 claimed paid to Toronto private detectives and a Chicago law firm for reports on alleged attacks on Hydro. The action was dismissed with costs, and the judgment described the allegations against Dr. Gaby as "utterly unfounded and very cruel."

Dr. Gaby was born at Cashel, Markham Township, son of a blacksmith, and was graduated by the University of Toronto in 1904. During his student days he worked on many electrical installations, and after his graduation served as an erecting engineer at Sydney Mines, N.S., and later was chief assistant electrical engineer at Point de Bois, Winnipeg.

He joined the Ontario Commission in 1907 as assistant chief engineer, and five years later became chief engineer. Associated with the late Sir Adam Beck, father of hydro, Dr. Gaby helped develop the present Ontario system of municipally owned power distribution service.

Dr. Gaby became international for his work in the development and utilization of electric power resources. Following his dismissal by Premier Hepburn, he spent two years as assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. For nine years he was executive vice-president of the British American Oil Co., retiring in 1945.

Anglicans Install Oil Heating

Christ Church, Anglican in Stouffville, announce that they have installed an oil-burning furnace and sincerely hope that this will encourage all their Anglican friends to come out and worship. The Anglican church is the second to install this modern heating method, the United Church having installed a unit last year.

Farmers Lose \$7 a Hog Uxbridge Meeting Told

At a meeting of Ontario County hog producers held in Uxbridge last Thursday, and presided over by President Harper Newman, the farmers present called on the Dominion government to lift the embargo on export cattle to the United States, and to remove coarse grains from the Winnipeg grain exchange, to be handled by a grain board, such as is done by the Wheat Board. The meeting also endorsed the action taken by the Ontario Hog Producers' Association on October 31.

William Newman of Lorneville reminded the gathering that in the years before the war we had speculated markets in grain, but shortly after the war wheat was taken out of the hands of the Winnipeg exchange, and farmers were bonused to the extent of \$5 per acre to grow barley and oats instead of wheat. A bargain was made to supply Britain bacon under fixed prices. Finally ceiling went off grain, and farmers now find themselves producing hogs at a loss under the fixed price for export to Britain. This loss is about \$7 per hog, even if he has his own grain.

Nomination Meeting Friday Reeve Wishes to Retire

The ratepayers of Stouffville will be called on next Friday evening to nominate a reeve and council for the year 1948, also to nominate school trustees and a cemetery commissioner, (one of three retires each year,) so far as cemetery commissioners are concerned.

After three years in office Reeve A. V. Nolan will ask the ratepayers to select a successor. "Like all my predecessors, I suppose, I have not accomplished all the things I had in mind to try and do for Stouffville," says the reeve. "During the tenure of my office it has been an unusually difficult time to govern, and to accomplish things worth while. While we have had no financial problems, we have faced difficult ones in getting labor when badly needed, especially experienced labor. The town is growing, and this brings forward new problems, one of extending the water system, and developing new hydro to meet the demands of the ratepayers. In the local hydro alone, we have depleted our reserves of \$10,000 to about one-half that amount. All this money has gone into replacement and new lines. A similar situation

could be shown in the domestic water department, only we have not had the money to develop the system as it should be. With the new rates now in force more permanent work can be accomplished," says the reeve.

A great deal of thought has been given the drafting of bylaws calculated to make the village a nicer place in which to live, he says. Along this line it is aimed to prevent shacks from being built to the disadvantage of better homes already erected. Such bylaws are difficult to formulate, and to enforce. Everybody seems to be in favor of such protection, but not all are willing to abide by them, he suggests.

The reeve says there are still many measures to be advanced for the betterment of the community, and he feels that a new man at the helm might accomplish more. People like a change now and then, and as the old adage says, "a new broom sweeps clean," so why not have more new brooms.

The financial statement should be in the hands of the ratepayers at this meeting, and will be fully discussed, and questions answered.