

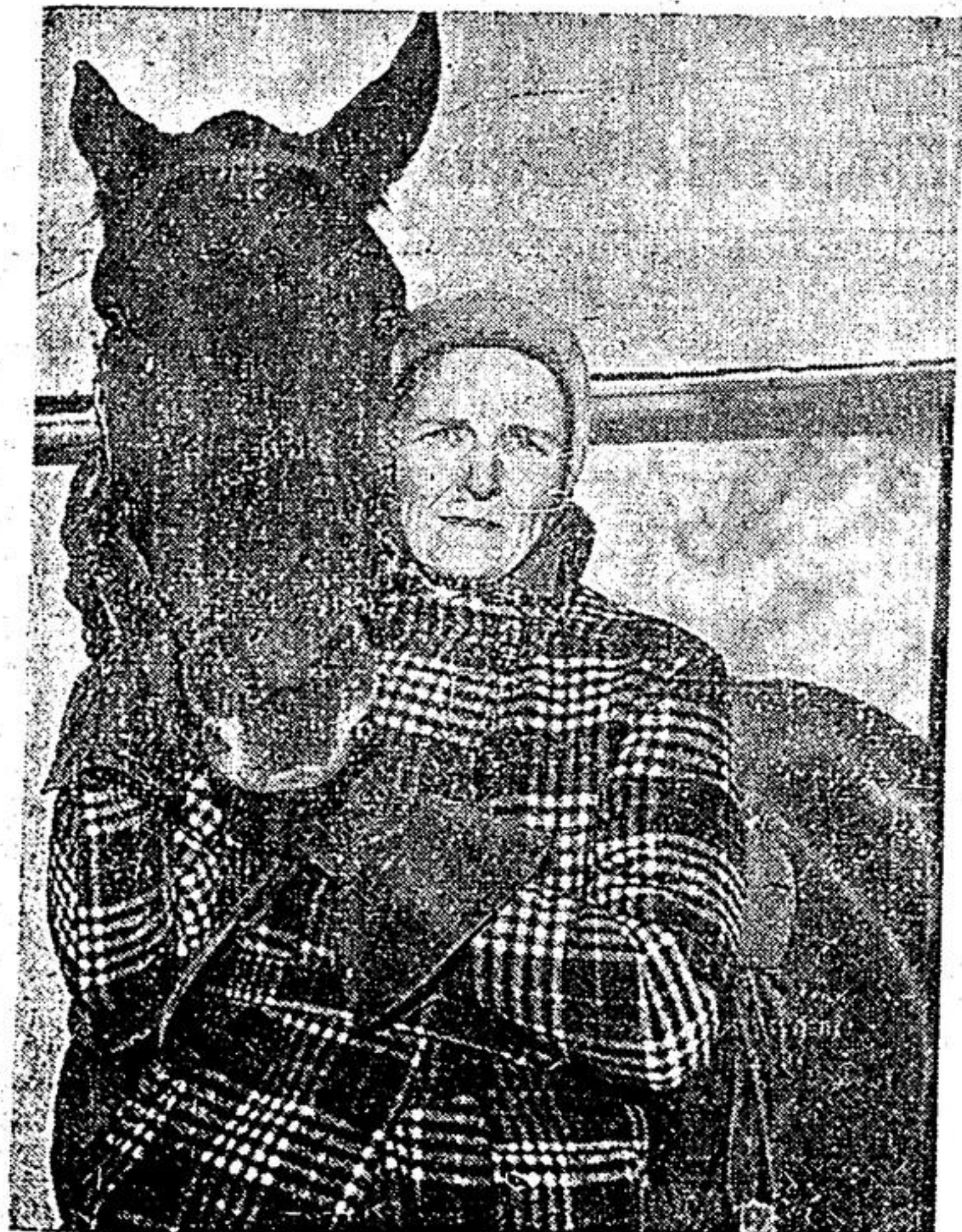
We all join in Wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS

A PRIZE-WINNING TEAM



This attractive outfit belonging to Mr. Vincent Baker, east of Stouffville, was pictured as they competed at the Royal Winter Fair. The fine team of draught horses were again in the prize ring at the local horse show last Thursday carrying off

top honors in their class. Baker's team have a long list of wins to their credit drawn from local fairs between Toronto and Lindsay.



Mrs. U. Heltner who lives on the former Bennett farm at Claremont, rode Danny, her hunter, from their farm next to the famous Graham Bros. place

now owned by Mr. Winton White, to Stouffville Horse Show last Thursday, only to find there was no class in which to show him.

Prize Horses Parade Main St. for Christmas Show

The horse show staged last Thursday in lieu for a Christmas market, did not prove to be the strong drawing card that it had been in previous years. However, the horses were there in style, and facing a raw wind, the judging was done on Main street by Elton Armstrong, Aurora; Walter Scott, Sutton; George Brown, Toronto. General satisfaction was heard on the work of the judging, and some close decisions had to be made.

The winners:
Best Mare or Gelding, Vince Baker 1st and 2nd, Heber Down, Herb Simpson.
Heavy Draught Team, Roy Hall, Oshawa; Heber Down, Harvey Schell.
Light Draught Teams, Vince Baker, Heber Down, Roy Hall, Clarence Baker.
Amateur class for teams, Harvey Schell, Clarence Baker, E. Toole, Siloam.
Belgian or Percheron teams, H. Simpson, H. Schell, E. Fletcher, Unionville.
4-horse teams, Baker & Down;

PICKERING HOCKEY SCHEDULE OPENS UP

Brooklin defeated Ajax 7-5 and Brougham tied with Markham 4-1 in the first two games of the Pickering Township hockey league played on Monday night. Brougham will take on Ajax and Markham will clash with Cherrywood in the next doubleheader on Monday, Dec. 29th.

WON 20 lb. TURKEY

At the Oddfellows Christmas party on Monday evening held in their rooms in the Button block, Mr. Len Wilkes, Baker avenue, won a 20 pound turkey. As a result of his good fortune this Baker avenue home will not find the Christmas dinner problem difficult when it comes to looking for a fowl. About sixty children were entertained at the Monday evening affair along with their mothers.

Simpson & Hall; Fletcher & Schell. Pony class, Roy Hall, Henry Michell, Wm. Morris, L. Warriner.

MRS. PHILIP JONES

Mrs. Philip Jones, 97, Markham's oldest resident, died last week after a lengthy illness. She was a member of the United Church, and is survived by one son, D. Everton Jones; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Paisley of Markham, and Mrs. (Rev.) C. Fockler of Maple.

SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE CENT STAMPS SOLD

Postmaster Leavens reported that up to Monday night the sale of one cent postage stamps had reached the fabulous total of 61,000 thereby attaining a new record for the sale of one cent stamps in any previous season at Stouffville office. Peak sales for any one day was also reached on Monday, which began to ease off the next day. The post office will be closed all day December 25, and there will be no rural mail delivery.

Farmer Races Deer, Catches the Animal With his Bare Hands

Driving home in his automobile from Mount Albert on Tuesday afternoon, John McGillivray who lives a mile and a quarter east of that village caught up with a young deer and raced the animal on the road for about a mile. When the deer finally leaped for the ditch, fell when it struck the fence, and made a second effort to jump over, McGillivray leaping from his car, managed to grab the beast's hind legs. He hung on, and finally overpowered it, then by sheer force got it in the back of the car and when the photographer arrived the young doe was confined in the upper part of the spacious barn on the McGillivray farm.

Weighing 150 pounds, the animal presented a problem to the photographer. The deer was roped and taken outside, but could not be quieted excepting when the strong arm of the tall farmer was around its shoulders.

"I have never heard of a deer being caught in this manner before in these parts," said Mr. McGillivray. He explained that at first he thought he would just see how fast the deer could run, and was surprised when the animal stuck to the smooth going roadway. It was nearly out of wind, and so was Mac when the pair fell over almost exhausted in the ditch.

Now, having won the battle, Mr. McGillivray is wondering what to do next. He certainly will not harm the deer, and will probably give it its freedom shortly. One of the men about the farm said that if it became tame and was allowed its freedom on the farm, it would eat everything in the garden next summer.

Mr. McGillivray is a former resident at Glasgow just east of town where he farmed for several years and sold the place there last year.

WARNING TO MERCHANTS

A telegram from the H.E.P.C. Commission on Monday, reminds that the window lighting allowed for Christmas display ends on December 25th. After that date only front lights needed for safety will be permitted.

Whitchurch Nomination Next Monday Afternoon

The annual nomination meeting for the Township of Whitchurch to nominate a reeve, deputy reeve, and three councillors for the year 1948 will be held in the hall at Vandorf on Monday afternoon next, Dec. 29.

Election issues are quiet in the township, and indications are that the old council will go back for another term. There seems to have been general satisfaction with the work accomplished this year, the progressive steps to provide more road machinery, fire protection, while keeping abreast of the school areas in an intelligent manner.

"I would like to serve the municipality for another term," were the words of Reeve Lorne Evans, while we understand deputy reeve Ed Logan and Councillors L. J. Harper, Fred Timbers and Ivan McLaughlin are willing to remain in office.

TIE WHITBY IN RETURN MATCH

Stouffville's Juniors held the Whitby Junior 'B's to a 9-all tie in a return match with that hockey club on Monday night in the Ontario County town. The local club was sparked by Keith Jewett who came up with three goals, followed by Jimmy Taylor and Bruce MacMillan each with two and Minton and Doug Ross with one each. The first period ended in a draw 3-3. Stouffville held the home team 7-5 at the end of the second period, but lost the lead in the final frame.

TROUBLES NOT SINGLE HANDED HERE

Mrs. Crawford, wife of Township Clerk John Crawford of Whitchurch, is ill with bronchial pneumonia, while their little daughter is still a bed patient. To add to the troubles of this household, Mrs. Crawford's mother (Mrs. Graham) is also ill in bed in the same house. Clerk Crawford, as municipally minded persons will know, is knee-deep in preparing for the coming nomination meeting to be held on December 29th, including issuing the annual financial statement.

Resident Here 30 Yrs. Ago Buried Tuesday

Funeral for the late Mrs. Frank S. Hall proceeded from Toronto to Stouffville for interment here on Tuesday afternoon this week. Twice married, Mrs. Hall died in Toronto on Sunday, and is survived by a daughter by her first marriage, Margaret (Mrs. G. Stocks), and a son Earl Brillinger. She is also survived by three brothers Jess Byer, Markham; Peter Byer, Winnipeg; and Nelson W. Byer of Stouffville, and one sister Mrs. David Cober, 8th concession, Markham.

Mr. Hall predeceased his wife by some years. It will be recalled that they were residents in Stouffville 30 years ago, and the son and daughter attended school here.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. A. Delbert Jennings announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Aurelia Meryle to Walter J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everton Smith, Stouffville, the marriage to take place early in the new year.

Friends will be sorry to learn of the serious condition of Mrs. Annie Silverthorn, whose condition is reported to be hopeless, as she lies ill at the home of her son Bert at Mongolia. She was removed from her home on Main street at the school hill to the home of her son some time ago, suffering from hardening of the arteries.

The Tribune makes an excellent gift.

Horses Can Survive Winter Out of doors, Say Witnesses

Acquittal was the verdict handed down by Magistrate Frank S. Ebbs at Port Perry in the case of Harvey Elson, Uxbridge, charged with cruelty to animals. In the face of strong defence evidence which implied that it was better for the health of horses to leave them exposed to winter weather than to keep them in warm quarters. His Worship dismissed Elson with the warning: "You will not see fit to treat horses like this again. In spite of the verdict," he declared, "we are not at all in agreement with this practice."

Elson was charged by provincial police when it was found after receipt of complaints, that accused owned 12 horses and allegedly was not giving them proper food, water, and shelter, thereby causing the animals unnecessary suffering. Provincial Constable M. Ray Hodgson investigated the complaints of passers-by on December 10. Giving evidence, he said, that the horses were in a field bordering on No. 12 Highway and one animal was dead when he arrived.

Describing the field as "anything but good pasture," the officer said "swail, or June grass" was under the snow. Small cedars lined the north and west edges of the field, he stated, and what water he found was practically all frozen over. He saw no shelter for the horses.

Owner of the field where the horses were living, Wright Crozier, Manchester, told the court it was "28 to 30 acres in size," had a shelter of brush on it and, "is good pasturing ground." Crozier said the springs in the field had never gone dry in 30 years.

Defence counsel W. Thomas Harris called accused to the stand. "My business is killing horses and I pick up crippled animals in 21 townships," said Elson when asked what he did. He testified the field's grass was "one and a half to two feet high" and that running stream went through the property. Quizzed by Crown Attorney A. C. Hall regarding the dead horse, Elson said his son shot it when they found it sick with lockjaw "about two weeks ago." He stated, "The others are as healthy as the day I bought them. Some had been slaughtered for fox and mink feed but others were in his stable, Elson explained. No complaints had been registered with him until the day police called at his home, accused testified. At that time, the horses had been in the field "little better than a month."

Hugh Whippey, Uxbridge, gave evidence that he sold 23 horses to Elson "at the end of October for \$26 each."

"Is it the usual custom to leave horses out during winter?" the Bench asked accused.

"As the weather gets colder their hair gets longer," replied Elson, "and most horses won't eat hay coming inside out of the cold."

An Uxbridge veterinary, Dr. E. Bailey told the court he examined the horses "last Tuesday," found them in "good condition, good spirit, good heart, and tearing around there like young colts."

"Good For Humans"

Further defence evidence was given by William Hopkins, Ashburn, who said he thought it would be good to leave human beings out in the cold too. "I was healthier when I was working outside for 10 years than I am today," said witness. He said he brought his horses inside at night, and when asked by the Crown, "Why?" Hopkins replied, "It's human, it's human."

Two farmers who own land bordering on the field in question - Arthur Fielding, Port Perry, and Sebastian Walensberger, Manchester - both agreed with Mr. Hopkins statement that horses "are better off outside than they would be in a barn." Similarly, they said they brought their horses in at night, Pawing through the snow for grass, they stated, was nothing to a horse,

MARKHAM CALF IN DANFORTH SHOW WINDOW

If you happened to be on the Danforth Saturday night, it would have been possible to see a real live calf in the window of Pickering Farms Limited. A seven months old Aberdeen Angus critter from the farm of Bruce Wallace, 5th concession of Markham, gave the city folk a treat, as the "youngster" attracted the crowd that enjoyed the novelty.

Ballantrae Farmer Grew 546 Bus. to the Acre In Potato Competition

The annual banquet of the 500 Bushel Potato Club, attended by about 125 members and friends was held in Newmarket, when the results were announced and prizes presented.

Three growers who exceeded the objective of 500 bushels were Herb Jones of Maple with 623 bushels, Clifford Wallwork with 546 bushels, after being severely hailed in mid-summer and Selby Evans, Queensville, 512 bushels. The certificate of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association was presented to these "500 bushel growers" by R. E. Goodin of the Crops Branch. Mr. Jones who incidentally stood second to Mr. Wallwork in 1946 was presented with a gold wrist watch by Warden C. H. Hooper, Markham, and Reeve Boynton Weldrick of Vaughan, chairman of the County Agricultural Committee. A number of special prizes were presented by representatives of the donor companies.

Unusual Names, Some Tongue-twisters

The question of "what's in a name, can be answered in several ways to the satisfaction of everybody, but the question of how to pronounce a name is not always so easy. Take a look at the voters lists for Pickering or Whitchurch, and other lists we might mention, and you will unearth some unusual ones.

A Brantford pitcher named Kallchuck was being replaced by one named Monaghan when a Kitchener boy hanging around the Brantford players' bench remarked, "Kallchuck, what a name!" The Brantford bat boy heard the remark and asked the Kitchener lad what was his name. "Kleinschmidt," was the reply.

A casual run through the Whitchurch list that Clerk John Crawford deals with we find some rather tough ones to handle. Take for instance, such names as Amodeo, Defonxio, Cormancho, Shlestownsky, Makela, Nurminen, Proulx, and Geancolt, and you have a fair sample of the headaches clerks may encounter in trying to pronounce some of them.

In Pickering township some of the difficult ones could be Shklar Bronislawa, Thacs, Usaty, Howchin, and Whicello.

"The Royal Wedding" films will be shown at the Stanley Theatre on January 23rd and 24th. This is one extra you won't want to miss. Remember the dates.

and Walensberger testified that the creek going through the field was open all winter.

Giving his verdict, Magistrate Ebbs said, "In this case as in others, a lot of people are prepared to rush in and testify with facts that the court knows little about. Bound by the rules of evidence as I am, there is no alternative but to dismiss the case. All I can say is that if I were in the horse business, I would not like to have any of my animals kept out in this weather."