

Mrs. Jas. Pidgeon Looked Over London During Christmas

"The Queen Mary is a grand boat, but when it crossed the Atlantic from New York to Southampton during November, passengers experienced the most terrible voyage the ship ever made," said Mrs. James Pidgeon, wife of the proprietor of the store and post office at Musselman's Lake. Mrs. Pidgeon sailed from New York on Nov. 12, and was forced to remain in her cabin four days of the five she spent at sea. Bound for London, she visited the home of her first husband who died in the first war.

Mrs. Pidgeon was born at Brighton, and enjoyed the visit to her native land, especially to the home of the Meekins, on the suburbs of London, the parents of her first husband. "Our four children were born in the Old Country, but two of them have passed on," said Mrs. Pidgeon.

Mrs. Pidgeon flew from London to Brussels to visit the high spots of the first war. She was impressed with the fine appearance of the cemeteries, and she visited the Tyne Cot metropolises at Ypres.

The food conditions in England Mrs. Pidgeon described as terrible. "They are very proud and ask for nothing in their distress. At the home where I stayed they received one egg in two weeks, also two ounces of bacon in the two week period." The bread she found very dark in color, and the meat allowance per person per week is 25c which does not provide very much at the high price.

Fish is more plentiful, but costly. Rabbits too are available and demand good price. Milk is doled out.

Mrs. Pidgeon urges all who can to keep on sending parcels of food and clothing.

Mixing with the London throngs for the wedding of the Royal Princess Mrs. Pidgeon admitted that she did get a glimpse of the horses which drew the royal carriages, but like hundreds of thousands of others, it was impossible to see the royal personages.

Returning home just before the new year Mrs. Pidgeon was scheduled to fly from New York to Toronto on her return journey, but her reservation was cancelled at the last moment, and she returned by train.

The homeward voyage was delightful, Christmas meals and concerts and the same charming boat, the Queen Mary, provided something in the way of pleasure that the passenger from Stouffville will long remember.

Markham Reeve



VERN W. GRIFFIN

Vern W. Griffin, Thornhill merchant, who won a sensational battle of the ballots in the Township of Markham when he stepped from a seat on the council to the reeveship all in one year. Reeve Griffin says that his concern is for the welfare of the whole township.

APPRECIATION FROM ENGLAND

A letter received from Suffolk England, sent by a recipient of clothing apparently from this district reads: "I wish to say I fully appreciate the gifts of clothing to the flooded areas of Gillingham, Norfolk. Owing to the restrictions on clothing (coupons) the second hand clothing will prove very useful."

Will Celebrate 100 years Incorporation in 1950

The Township of Whitchurch is drawing close to its 100th birthday, which will come in January 1950, two years away. No doubt when the time gets a little closer some event will be held to mark the occasion. The scribe had a look at the first minute book of the township, and one is at once impressed with the excellence of the penmanship. The manuscript is so well done that here and there it challenges the printed word. One George Porter was the first clerk, and the first minute inscribed in the book was a motion to pay cost of transportation taking a resident of the municipality to jail for having failed to perform his statute labor. Instead of electing the council in those early days, the members were appointed by open vote at a public meeting.

Mrs. D. Owen and Robert have returned to her home in Toronto after spending the holiday season with her mother and taking charge while Mrs. McGrogan was in Chicago.

Farmer Voted Twice Sentence Suspended

Edgar Tooley, 33-year-old Markham township farmer, was given suspended sentence by Magistrate O. M. Martin on Monday when he pleaded guilty to voting twice in Markham municipal elections of Dec. 8.

Tooley told county magistrate's court he had been a farmer in Markham for eight years, said he had been told by the Markham township assessor his name was on the voting lists of two Markham hamlets, Buttonville and Hagarman. He moved from Buttonville to Hagarman in the spring of 1947, still retaining property in Buttonville.

Markham township clerk Charles Hoover said Tooley would have been entitled to vote twice in school board elections, but only once in municipal elections. His name was on both voting lists, however.

Tooley said he and his wife had both voted twice on Dec. 8, the first time in many years. He never voted in provincial or dominion elections, he said.

Ski Lodge Owner Asks Roads be Kept Open

The Uxbridge Township Council held its inaugural meeting on Monday, at eleven o'clock, when the members subscribed to the declaration of office and took their seats at the council board.

Council passed two bylaws, one to authorize the reeve and the treasurer to borrow money as needed, and another to appoint officials for performance of various duties required during the current year. The council also named two of its members, Mr. Bail and Mr. Tindall to represent the council on the Goodwood Community Park Board, and named the several standing committees whose duties are to direct and report on various activities of the work of council.

The proprietor of Sky Loft Ski Lodge appeared before the council, and, after enumerating the many advantages that his venture would bring to the surrounding community, asked that council guarantee to keep the roads and entrance lanes to his grounds clear of snow during the skiing season. This would seem to be a pretty big order during a winter such as that of a year ago.

The road accounts for December to the amount of \$308.31 was passed for payment, and also general accounts amounting to \$167.50.

The next regular meeting will be held in the afternoon of February 9th at one o'clock.

JERSEY CLUB ANNUAL

The York County Jersey Club held a meeting recently to discuss plans for a canvass of Jersey owners for membership in the Maple Cattle Breeders' Association with a view to having a battery of Jersey bulls added to the unit for artificial insemination. Practically everyone present favoured the proposal and promises to canvass other owners of grade or pure-bred Jerseys.

The annual meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at Newmarket when the guest speaker will be Mr. C. D. Graham, Toronto, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

As usual lunch will be provided by the club at noon. M. H. Barber of Gormley is the president.

Last Summer's Visitor Merle Davis Dead

Word was telephoned here last week announcing the death in Lansing, Mich., of Merle Davis. His uncle Ab and cousin Willis Davis left almost immediately to attend the funeral last weekend.

Born at Altona, east of Stouffville, 50 years ago, a son of the late Elijah Davis, Merle went to the States when quite a young man. He served in the First War and his untimely death was said to have been due to his rigorous war service. He was found dead in his bedroom when a neighbor happened to call at his home. His wife died about a year ago, and a sister Miss Margaret Davis was keeping house for him. He is also survived by another sister (Eva) Mrs. Chas. Miller of Pontiac, Mich.

Only last summer Mr. Davis visited the home district here, and was present for the birthday party tendered his uncle Ab, when he had a delightful visit meeting many boyhood friends, east of Stouffville. Only recently he wrote to relatives stating that his health was not good, and that he could scarcely lie down to sleep. Actually, he was sitting in a chair when he passed away.

HIGH SCHOOL OPENS SERIES OF HOCKEY GAMES

Stouffville High School hockey team opened a series of exhibition hockey games on Tuesday night with a 6-2 win over Peaches. On Monday night, Jan. 19th, Markham High School team will be the visitors, while a week from Monday, Jan. 26th, Agincourt will play here.

Whitchurch Council Calls on Fire Chiefs to Make Survey of Area

"The teacher puts 'em out, the truant officer sends 'em back, and the M.O.H. laughs and says it's not serious, but we think otherwise," related a ratepayer at Whitchurch council meeting, claiming that Scarlet Fever was feared, since there was an epidemic some time ago in a nearby neighborhood. "What we want is for this council or somebody to take steps against the M.O.H. whom we think should have visited the homes where children were refused admittance to the school." The deputation headed by Albert Boaks came from a northern school section.

Reeve Evans said that the M.O.H. was beyond the powers of the council, and an application or protest should be sent to the Provincial Dept. of Health, concerning any dissatisfaction.

This was one of the first deputations appearing before the first meeting of the council for 1948, held Monday at Vandorf.

Chairman Frank Riches and Mr. A. G. Thompson from the Stouffville Board of Education informed council that they found it practically imperative to join forces with the Markham high school area. Thus the two areas, Stouffville and Markham, would be operated by one board having a school at Markham and another at Stouffville. The larger area was forced on the district in order to meet the demands in size as set down by the Dept. of Education.

Councillors told the deputation that they did not object to the set-up, since there was little that could be done about it.

J. L. Smith urged the council by letter to pay a bounty on foxes killed. He maintained these animals are destroying quantities of poultry, and with some other townships paying a bounty, he thought Whitchurch should do the same.

The bounty on foxes was discontinued some time ago, and no action was taken on the request at this meeting.

It was suggested that the fire chiefs at Aurora and Stouffville make a survey of the public buildings in the township in their respective areas, and make recommendations concerning water supply in event of fire breaking out. Public buildings refer to school houses and public halls.

The customary bylaw was passed naming the various officers, road overseers, pound keepers, etc., with very little change from last year.

Council decided to join the Good Roads Association again this year, and all members of council were made delegates to attend the annual convention.

Road accounts mostly for repair work, sanding and plowing snow totalled \$900, and general accounts over \$500, with nearly another \$200 for relief, were scrutinized and passed for payment. It was estimated that in comparison with last year several thousand dollars has been saved in snow removal thus far. The council is anxious to buy a ton or half-ton truck for use of the road superintendent. However, a number of tenders were submitted but a deal was not completed, and additional quotations are being asked for.

The Township Hall Board in charge of the Community Hall at Vandorf are: L. P. Evans, L. J.

Heads Legion



After serving as secretary-treasurer for 13 years, Bert Lickorish has been elected President for 1948, so we have the officers as follows:

- President—B. Lickorish
- 1st Vice—Geo. Saunders
- 2nd Vice—B. Clarkson
- Sec. Treas.—J. Garrett
- Sgt. at Arms—L. Buckland
- Executive committee—Dr. S. S. Ball, Geo. Abell, L. Weldon, H. Lewis, H. Shuttleworth.

Bus for Aurora

A Gray Coach Bus will leave for Aurora on Thursday night for the Stouffville-Aurora Junior hockey game. Bus leaves the depot at Stouffville Motors, at 7 p.m.

Hello, London!

Last Wednesday evening Mr. Donald Chadwick of the Stouffville Machine & Tool Co., talked directly to his sister in London, England, from the office of the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co., and heard the voice of a member of his family whom he had not seen or heard in the last eighteen years. "It was thrilling," said Mr. Chadwick. "At first I couldn't hear anything, and was told to keep on talking, when presently I heard the voice of my sister, and we were able to converse freely. Of course one couldn't say much in three minutes."

The telephone conversation was arranged for both parties for seven o'clock our time, which would be after midnight in London.

The cost for such a long distance call is \$12 but that is forgotten when one thinks of the novelty and the service, no doubt.

Murray Wagg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wagg is home after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Harper, Mrs. H. Dewsbury, Mrs. A. H. VanNostrand, Geo. Richardson, J. A. Clark, Mrs. John Petch.

Deputy-Reeve Logan, Councillors Fred Timbers and Ivan McLaughlin were present, and Councillor Les Harper was absent, having been summoned on jury in Toronto.

FIVE SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

An observant individual Mr. W.I. Smith of Altona calls our attention to the fact that there will be five Sundays in the month of February this year. "Last time that happened was in 1920, Mr. Smith points out. What is more remarkable is that it hasn't happened before since the year 1876, "and," says Mr. Smith, "it will not happen again until I reach the age of 89 years." This is an interesting fact, and if you want to know Mr. Smith's age, get out your almanac and find for yourself the year there will be five Sundays in February after 1948 passes into history.

SOLD TEAM FOR \$350

Clarence Baker, son of Mr. Vincent Baker, Altona, sold a fancy farm team this week to a Whitchurch buyer for \$350. This team showed at the Stouffville Christmas Fair last month.

Former Ballantrae Resident Dead

The death of Mrs. George H. Feasby in Toronto last Friday, removes a person well known to the permanent residents around Ballantrae. Mrs. Feasby was the former Blanche L. Elliott, daughter of the late Mrs. Jackson Elliott, who lived to the great age of 93, and almost to the last of her days lived in the old home at Ballantrae.

Besides her husband Mrs. Feasby is survived by a son Jack, and by two brothers, Chester and Lloyd Elliott, and one sister Miss Laura Elliott.

United Missionary Church Dedicates New Addition and Equipment

An impressive dedicatory service was held in the United Missionary Church (Mennonite) Stouffville on Sunday morning which acknowledged the greatness of God in enabling the congregation to enlarge their place of worship, and add new equipment and conveniences which will be appreciated for a long time. This is the culmination of a building program started when Rev. H. S. Hallman took over the pastorate and indeed, was planned for a long time before that.

The new addition to the north part of the church provides accommodation for a larger Sunday School, a place for the sewing circle, or to serve meals, modern plumbing for wash rooms, also a nursery where mothers may take their children.

In the church proper a baptistry has been added, a new communion table and a new pulpit, a special gift to the church. Rev. R. A. Beech of Vineland preached the dedicatory service and offered the prayer, and was assisted in the program by Pastor H. S. Hallman. A large and enthusiastic congregation filled the edifice for the occasion, and a feeling of inspiration for greater things to come was felt as the congregation raised their voices in exaltation for blessings received.

Standing Committees Named At Town Council Inaugural

Tax Collector K. R. Davis Presents Another Record Roll to Council

Standing committees to be in charge of the town's public utilities and other departments were named at the inaugural meeting of the under each committee is chairman. evening. The committees are as follows: water and hydro, Councillors Baker and Ratcliff; streets and walks, Councillors Scott and Ogden; property, Councillors Ogden and Baker; indigent and hospitalization, Councillors Ratcliff and Scott. The first name appearing under each committee is chairman.

Other appointments made by the newly installed council were, Earl Keith, poundkeeper; Mrs. H. B. Freel to the Library Board; Councillors John Scott and Henry Ogden to the Park Commission; A. E. Weldon to the Board of Health; Dr. S. T. Bodendistel as milk and dairy inspector, and Dr. H. B. Freel, Medical Officer of Health.

The tax collector's roll was received by council and showed that K. R. Davis, collector, had completed almost a one hundred percent collection again. Amount of taxes collected were \$27,542.15, with the uncollected amount at \$106.93, and this figure will be liquidated, when several estates are finally settled.

A communication was received from the Ontario Hydro Commission urging further conservation of power. However, council did not see how any further measures could be brought into force in Stouffville to curtail current. In connection with the hydro department, it was pointed out that while the town is paying for a peak load of power of approximately 650 h.p., the usual draw is only 450 h.p. Thus the revenue is continually dropping in this department, and

the rates being paid are only bringing in sufficient revenue to pay for the current, without allowing anything for maintenance. A surplus of \$21,000 in the local hydro account has been depleted to \$6,000, due to insufficient funds to build the new lines, and install more and heavier transformers being required in town.

Reeve Nolan stated that he had been in contact with Engineer Maddock in connection with the situation, and he was expected out to look into the matter within the next few days.

Mr. Del. Jennings was re-appointed Chief of the Stouffville Fire Brigade at a salary of \$100, and Councillors Glenn Ratcliff and Henry Ogden were named as a committee to meet the Brigade to draw up an agreement for the division of funds coming from outside fires.

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Wm. Hopkins has entered the Brierbush Hospital for further treatment, since her health has failed again.

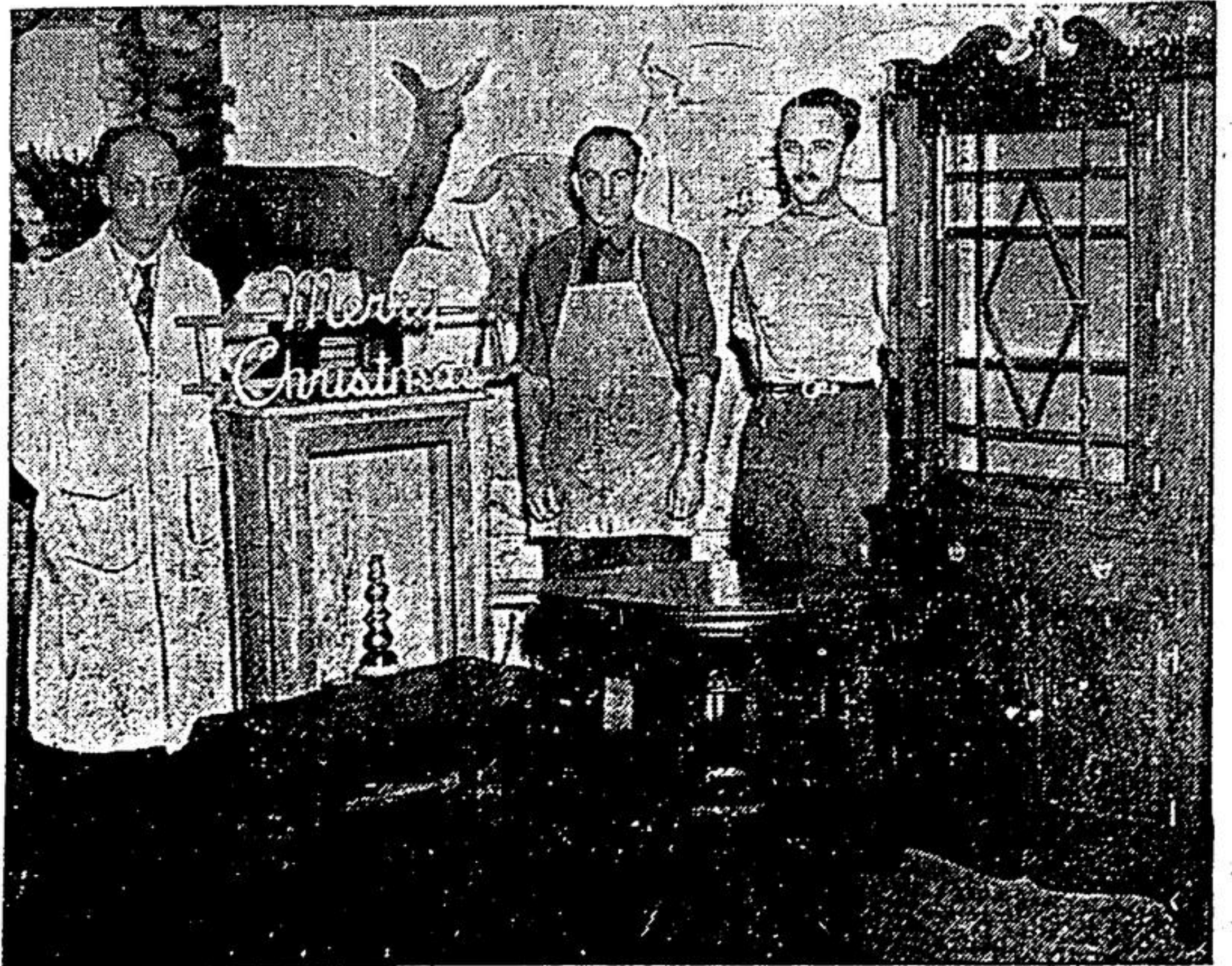
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Johnston (former C.N.R. agent) were called to the bedside of his sick father at Uthoff on Wednesday. Mr. Johnston sr. is over 90 years of age.

Rev. Mr. Black, pastor of Bonner Presbyterian church, Toronto, and Mrs. Black, were in town on Tuesday the guest of Miss Annie Duncan and other friends for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Borinsky left on Wednesday morning on a trip to Florida, where they will spend the next few weeks. They are travelling by train.

Don't forget the Skating Party on Wednesday, Jan. 21st.

LOCAL LAD TURNS OUT FINE FURNITURE



Ex-service students taking the Canadian Training and Rehabilitation Institute course in cabinet making at the former Canadian Army Trades School

in eastern Ontario turn out fine furniture, as seen in this picture. A Stouffville boy on the extreme right of the picture, Robert McConnochie, has com-

pleted his course. With him is another student, and the superintendent of works, R. G. Miller, left.