

Markham Township Buys Heavy Truck for Hauling Gravel and Plowing Snow

Stouffville Motors (Ratcliff & Pipher) were the successful tenderer in selling a new truck to Markham Township on Monday. The big outfit, a K8S International appealed to the council in session at Unionville in preference to tenders from eight or nine other makers. The purchase price is \$5,580.

Deputy Reeve D. Rumney asked to have his vote recorded against the purchase, since he did not favor the acquisition of any machinery at the present. All other members voted for the purchase.

Mr. Fellows from the Highways Dept., Queens Park, was present when the tenders were opened, but left it to the councillors to make their choice, after discussing the type of truck that might be most suitable for summer and winter work in the township.

Council then proceeded to call for tenders for a new power road grader since such machines must be ordered a long way ahead, possibly a year.

Councillor Win Timbers and Councillor Wicks submitted the resolution to call for tenders for the big machine, said tenders to close Mar. 22. This resolution passed without opposition.

Reeve Griffin who presided over the session, was named in a resolution by Councillor Barber and Wicks to go along with a delegation from Langstaff to interview the Minister of Highways concerning the installation of a stop-light at the Langstaff corner of No. 7 highway and Yonge street.

LOCAL COUPLE MARRIED AT UXBRIDGE

The marriage was quietly consummated at Uxbridge this week of Mrs. Martha Hollingsworth and Mr. Abijah Brown by the Free Methodist minister there. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are now settled in their home on Main street on the school hill. Friends offer them congratulations. Mr. Brown is a lifelong resident of town and district, while his bride has been in the locality for several years. Her daughter Victoria attended high-school here when the mother resided on the 9th of Whitchurch just north of town.

Auctioneer Stands Before Biggest Crowd At Mt. Albert Sale

"Without a doubt, it was the largest crowd I ever presided over at an auction sale," declared Auctioneer Alvin Farmer, speaking about the big sale held last week on the farm of Willis Harrison, Mount Albert. There was renewed interest in horses, and the seven head realized an average price of \$162.50, the best animal bringing \$200, while a 2-year-old colt sold at \$137.50. Top prices for cows touched \$140 for a Durham milkster, while pigs were high in price. Suckers \$8.25 and a sow and eight pigs \$115, indicated that farmers are not hitting new born pigs on the head as the story goes in some quarters.

A M.H. tractor on hard rubber was knocked down to a Markham township farmer for \$995, after spirited bidding.

Advertising for the entire sale was handled through the advertising department of The Tribune, and the big crowd indicated that a thorough job was done.

Ottawa Train Crashes Grader at Locust Hill

When a privately owned road maintainer, equipped with a snow plow stalled on the railway tracks at Locust Hill Sunday evening, it was crashed into by an Ottawa bound train, but all the 200 passengers escaped injury from the wrecked maintainer which was demolished and thrown many feet from the impact.

The big road outfit plowing snow for the Provincial Highways Dept. was crossing the tracks when the point of the plow stuck in the rail and stalled the engine. Before the driver, William E. Warren, Ardendale, could get started again the train was along. He jumped to safety.

Warren attempted to start the gasoline engine which in turn starts the diesel engine that drives the machine, when the wig-wag started to signal. He ran out with a flare but could not attract the attention of the engine crew in the storm.

Force of the impact sent parts of the grader flying through space. A piece of steel cut a telephone pole in two, and demolished a railway switch standard. The train was delayed more than two hours. The Beamish Construction Co. owners of the road outfit, had another plow on the beat the next morning after the accident.

TWO HONOR PUPILS

Two pupils of Mrs. Howard Ratcliff passed their recent examinations in piano with honors. They are Marion Murphy grade 2 theory; and Barbara Dixon, grade 1 theory. Congratulations to both teacher and pupils.

Husband and Two Young Sons Mourn Beloved Mother

The local community was grieved on Sunday to learn of the death of Mrs. Eldon Fairles, who passed away at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. Floyd Fairles, just east of town on that day. Only in her 48th year, her untimely death is a blow to the young family and husband, and a wide circle of friends.

Born in Scott Township, she was a daughter of a prominent family, her maiden name being Nellie Card. Graduating from Normal School, she taught in the Stouffville district before her marriage. With her husband, the couple ultimately took up farming at Lincolnville where they have lived for some years.

They are members of Stouffville United Church, and when possible, were attendants at its services.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Fairles is survived by two young sons, Norman 15, and Elford, 10 years of age. The funeral this Wednesday afternoon, will proceed from the home of Floyd Fairles, to the United Church in town for service, and thence to Stouffville Cemetery for interment. Rev. D. Davis will have charge of the service.

More Light, But Not For Rats

A resident of Langstaff urged Markham Township Council in session on Monday to provide more light for the people in that area, and backed up his request with a heavily signed petition. Then he asked that the council take a hand in eliminating the rats from the area.

"They eat my boots, gobble up my potatoes, and then they drown themselves in my neighbor's well," said Mr. Matthews, who declared he killed two of the largest rats ever thought to be in Canada only last Sunday.

It was said that the rodents might be attracted to the locality by a garbage dump nearby where city garbage is hauled to a piggery, and not all cleared up by the swine. "I'll go to the provincial pig inspector if something isn't done," concluded the good-natured spokesman sounding the death-knell of the rats.

Reeve Griffin promised to have the matter brought to the attention of the Board of Health.

It was understood that the matter of more light was not for the benefit of the rats, and in any case would be brought to the attention of the district hydro office.

FLEW TO THE SOO ON BRIEF HOLIDAY

Mr. Glenn Ratcliff flew from Malton to Sault Ste. Marie last week where he paid a visit with our former townspeople, Rev. and Mrs. D. Macgregor. The 500 mile journey home by air was made in an hour and a half, Mr. Ratcliff states.

NO MUNICIPAL GARBAGE COLLECTION, SAYS COUNCILLOR OGDEN

"I certainly am not in favor of instituting a garbage collection for Stouffville," said Councillor Ogdren to The Tribune. "If the time ever comes when such a move is made, it should start with the ratepayers whom I do not think would want to bear the expense at this time."

Mr. Ogdren said that he merely mentioned the matter at the last council meeting, but not with the idea of promoting such a course. He also pointed out that he would not countenance taking the work away from Peter Bramwell so long as he can carry on. In these matters Councillor Ogdren pretty well expresses the feeling of all the council and the reeve.

BIRTHS

BARTHOLOMEW—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bartholomew are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, Feb. 22, 1948. A sister for Janet.

SMITH—To Dr. and Mrs. Neil C. Smith, Stouffville, on Thursday, February 26, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a son, Donald McFarland.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' CHOIR



This picture was taken of the Stouffville High School Boys' Choir, during one of their numbers at the Commencement Exercises. This choir, directed by Principal L. C. Murphy who

can be seen in the foreground, won the Kiwanis Music Festival shield which they are displaying. The boys are, back row, left to right, Keith Clarke, Court Noxon, Lloyd Freel, Bill Nigh, Percy Schell, Roy Dows-

well, Walter Farmer, Murray Miller; front row, left to right, Howard Baker, Derrick Chadwick, Lorne Boadway, Ken Noxon, Clemath Ellas, Bert Stouffer.

(Photo by Johnston)

Food Totalling 254 Tons Sent Out By Mennonites

Ten carloads of food, comprising of 508,663 pounds, have been shipped to needy Europeans by the Canadian Mennonite Central Committee since December. The 254½ tons are valued at \$219,579.05.

Shipments have been made up generally of canned vegetables, meat, and fruit put up by various Mennonite church groups across the Dominion and by individual families.

Made 3 Shipments—Three shipments have been sent out from the Kitchener warehouse alone since January, C. J. Rempel, manager of the Canadian Central Committee, said today.

During January workers at the warehouse on Scott St., packed 65 tons for shipment. Twenty-five tons went out this month. Another shipment of some 30 tons is expected to go out next week, following up a shipment made Feb. 21.

Judging from the amount of food already sent, 1948 promises to be one of the record years in the amount of aid extended by the committee to the needy overseas.

Regular Duty—Every Mennonite family in Canada contributes towards the project and canning for the overseas shipments has become such a part of the work of a Mennonite household that it is being regarded as a regular duty.

Shipments of clothing are also being continued with workers hurrying to finish packing 12 tons for shipment within the next two weeks.

Small consignments of clothing have already been sent out since January to England and Poland. Destination of the new shipment is not yet determined by officials.

Untimely Death of Mrs. Fred Chamberlain

The death occurred on Friday, Feb. 27, 1948, of Susan Jane Chamberlain at her home, 72 Chester Ave. Toronto. The deceased had been ill for six weeks with internal trouble and was in her 55th year.

The late Mrs. Chamberlain, a daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Wagg, was born in Uxbridge township. In May 1917 she was united in marriage with Fredrick C. Chamberlain, and the couple farmed for a number of years in the surrounding district. Eight years ago the family moved to Toronto from the farm now occupied by Joan Lewis, east of Stouffville.

Leaving to mourn her loss are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Walter Smith (Jessie), and Mrs. Ross Tyndale (Elsie); three sisters, Mrs. J. Brown (Violet), Mrs. Delos Graham (Nellie), Mrs. Oliver Yakeley (Ada) and six brothers, Frank and George of Stouffville and district, Alex. of Uxbridge, James of Alliston, John of Scarborough, and William of Orangeville.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. Garbutt of St. Barnabas church, was held Tuesday afternoon from the Trull Funeral Home. Nephews of the deceased were pall bearers. Interment was made in Pine Hills Cemetery.

Geo. Gunn, Loses Mother in 101st Year

Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn, Church street, were in Toronto for the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Ellen K. Gunn, who celebrated her 100th birthday last June. Burial was made at Belleville following a service held in Toronto.

A resident of Toronto for the past 22 years, Mrs. Gunn was born in Iroquois, Ont., the daughter of the late Samuel and Katherine Coons. She was of U.E.L. stock. The greater part of her life was spent in Belleville, where her husband, Donald Gunn, who died in 1917, was station agent for the old Grand Trunk railway.

Mrs. Gunn received a telegram from Premier King on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

She also displayed interest in church organizations and was a life member of the Women's Missionary society.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Nell Armstrong, Mrs. Adele Tims and Mrs. Charles Willis, all of Toronto, and two sons, George Gunn, Stouffville, and Donald A., of Belleville.

Besides her husband, she was predeceased by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Sinclair, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Jean I. Gunn, former superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, and one son, John Gunn of Belleville.

Brierbush Hospital Closes Big Year Statistics Show

Small Army of Babies Born Here Last Year

Largest private hospital in the northern part of the County of York, Stouffville Brierbush had 7,337 hospital days in the year just closed, according to government report just issued by the hospital.

There were 311 patients admitted to the institution during the year, while another 109 arrived at the hospital by way of births, six of these were stillborn, and only one infant death occurred. There were 18 adults passed away, and 337 patients were discharged which includes the babies born.

Indications of the popularity of the Stouffville Hospital, and appreciation of its services are evidenced by the fact that 109 births this past year stand against 87 the previous year.

At the moment there are 26 patients and six babies in the hospital, indicating that the institution is filled to capacity. Quite a few patients from distant points have had to be refused admittance in past weeks because of the crowded condition that exists. Mrs. Malcolm, superintendent, and her staff are hard working people these days, and are to be commended in their splendid effort to render a service that is certainly appreciated in the district.

During the past year a new up-to-the-minute bed was added to the maternity ward, also a machine called the new "auto-clave" which is said to be last word in mechanism for sterilizing instruments.

Back from B.C.—Ross McMullen and Allan Moore returned home Thursday night. They made the trip home from Williams Lake, B.C. by bus, coming through the States.

THE BIG STORM TUESDAY NIGHT

Monday morning folk journeyed down town in one of the worst snow storms of the winter. It had snowed and blew all night, drifts were high, and the storm continued to rage all day and late into the night again.

Tuesday it settled away, and by late evening the weather became clear, so that Wednesday the day broke like the much publicized Hollywood sunshine. Roads are being quickly opened so that little interruption is being felt to traffic. The C.N.R. maintained their service throughout the storm as did the Gray Coach Lines into town.

Everybody is expressing the hope that this is the last snow of the winter, and we trust too that their wishes come true.

"The Dear Departed" Highlights Commencement

A total of sixty-seven diplomas, certificates and athletic awards were presented to students of Stouffville High School at the annual Commencement exercises last Friday and Saturday evenings.

Chairman W. F. Riches of the Board of Education addressed the gathering each evening and on Friday night presented the following with honour graduation diplomas, Margaret Brown, Jas. Maunder, Warren Moyer, Kenneth Noxon and Duncan Smith, and graduation diplomas to Betty Black, Leonard Black, Audrey Bell, Roy Dowswell, Audrey Good, Carl Grove, Betty Miller, Court Noxon, Erlene Paisley, Phyllis Pugh, Albert Smalley, Bert Stouffer, Carol Weldon, Kay Williamson and Ruth Windsor.

On Saturday evening Mr. Riches presented the following with Intermediate certificates, Alice Barkey, Margaret Barry, Beverley Beach, Lorne Boadway, Harold Brown, Jean Brown, Phyllis Clarkson, Donald Davis, Archie Forfar, Elda Gray, Roy Heise, Margaret Hisey, Jean Hodgson, Erla Holden, Wallace James, Joanne Lamb, Patsy Lehman, Connie Lewis, Edna Lintner, Murray McMullen, Janet Noxon, Fay O'Neill, Herberta Simpson, Donna Stouffer, Murray Wagg and Lois Weldon.

The following received athletic awards from the hands of Miss Goodyear, Mr. Pherrill, and Mr. Sherk, members of the staff, local field day awards, junior, Marion Reed and Allan Anderson; intermediate, Jean Miller, Roy Ward and Donald Davis; senior, Helen Goudie and Court Noxon; inter-school awards, junior girl, Marlon Reid; intermediate boy, Roy Ward, senior girl, Erlene Paisley, senior boy, Kenneth Noxon.

Highlight of the program of music, song and dance was a one-act comedy by Stanley Houghton entitled, "The Dear Departed," and directed by Mr. E. T. Pherrill. The cast included, Betty Miller, Helen Campbell, Keith Clarke, Carol Weldon, Bert Stouffer and Carl Grove.

The large gathering which attended was entertained to the full by the choruses of the various school choirs, the folk dances, and pyramids and tumbling by the boys.

The costuming and make-up were in charge of Miss Campbell and Miss Davie; the folk dances, Miss Goodyear, pyramids and tumbling, Mr. Pherrill, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sherk; the play, Mr. Pherrill; vocal music, Mr. Murphy.

Milk Producers Favor Opening Own Plant For Surplus Milk

Members of Toronto Milk Producers in session at Unionville last week approved of the suggestion that the Toronto Association establish and finance a plant to handle surplus milk, that is milk which the dairies cannot handle in their normal distribution. The members visioned a possible surplus of milk in a short time, which is a seasonal occurrence.

From the Toronto Association word was received that in negotiating with the truckers an agreement of a rise of two cents a can was agreed upon, effective February 1st. The district association will head up the organization and canvas Markham township on behalf of the appeal for European children who are starving for food. Schools are being organized to aid in the work the meeting was told, and every farmer was warned to expect a call from helpers in a few days.

Arrangements are in progress for the annual banquet which will be held in April.

MAYNARD—HARMON

On Saturday, February 28, 1948, the marriage of Margaret Florence daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon, Stouffville, and Allan Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard of Markham, was solemnized by Rev. Herman of Markham.

Gladys Maynard, sister of the groom acted as bridesmaid, and Tom Keeble of Toronto was best man. The reception was held at the bride's home where about 35 guests were present. The couple will reside in Markham.

MRS. CHARLES HART

In failing health for the past four years and having spent the last fourteen months confined to her bed, Nellie Hart, beloved wife of Charles Hart, died at her home at Victoria Square, on Monday, Feb. 23, in her 59th year. A daughter of the late James and Martha Dymond. She spent all her life in York County. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. Currie, and burial took place in Victoria Square cemetery. Left to mourn her death are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. M. Jarvis (Dorothy), Mrs. H. Hill (Thelma), Mrs. W. Rennie (Marjorie), and one son Leslie C. also two brothers and two sisters and three grandchildren, Sharleen and Garry Hill, Judy Evelyn Hart.

LIGHTS OUT IN NORTH BAY

Mr. Arthur Lehman, old Stouffville boy, writes from North Bay to inform The Tribune that much larger places than Stouffville, find it expedient and advisable to do without street lamps after midnight, in an effort to conserve hydro. In North Bay, Mr. Lehman says the street lights are turned off at one o'clock in the night, and the saving has proven so satisfactory that no daytime shut-offs are anticipated. Stouffville council has approved a similar move here should the occasion demand it. At present street lighting is from 6.30 in the evening until 5 o'clock in the morning. Stouffville consumers have done so well in their program of conserving current that it may not be necessary to make further cuts.

So far we have just about reached a ten per cent cut by voluntary appeal to the people. If the record can be maintained for another two weeks, it would appear that the most serious phase of the situation will be over.

9th Line Farmer's Wife, Mrs. Boyd Buried on Monday

Resident on the ninth concession of Markham, just south of Stouffville for nearly thirty years, Mrs. David Boyd passed away at her home there on lot 23, Thursday, February 26, in her 72nd year. Native of Goodwood district she was the former Sarah Bertha Todd, daughter of the late Sam. Todd. At the age of 17 she came to work in Stouffville as a domestic and was employed at the Mansion House with Frank Miller for years.

After her marriage to David Boyd the couple started farming for themselves, and Mrs. Boyd enjoyed good health until of recent years when she was more or less ailing. Besides her husband there survives three sons and one daughter, William of Tottenham, Ralph and Carl of Stouffville, and (Madeleine) Mrs. John Lewis of Stouffville. A son Bruce paid the supreme sacrifice in the war. Mr. George Todd of Goodwood is an only brother.

The funeral on Monday afternoon proceeded to Markham First Baptist Church and cemetery for service and interment. Rev. J. K. Pequegnat, pastor, conducting the service.