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Markham Farmer Protests Careless Hunters on Farm

Cutting corn in the field on the farm of Harmon Jones just south of Stouffville on the 9th of Markham, workmen were alarmed when they heard bullets whizz by, shot off by pheasant hunters on Friday. The hunters persisted and walked right through the farm, so Mr. Jones hastened to town and purchased signs to post his property against trespassing.

Another thing that justly annoyed the farmer, causing him to brand the hunters as poor sports, was when they slaughtered about a dozen pheasants in a flock. The birds had been fed more or less and became as tame as chickens. They didn't flee from the hunters and were promptly shot down to a bird.

The farmer couldn't see much sportsmanship in that sort of hunter and many other people will think the same way.

STANLEY THEATRE NOTICE

Box office opens week nights at 7.00 p.m. Show begins at 7.30. No change in Saturday times. These hours apply until further possible change in blackouts.

Social Event and Special Prices Mark Ratcliff's Re-Opening

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday Ratcliff & Co. will mark the change over to grocer service when the ladies' Bowling Club will serve tea in the newly remodelled premises of this well known firm from 2 to 5 p.m. on each of the three days. It will be an opportunity to visit the store and enjoy the hospitality of this old established firm.

To further mark the reopening Ratcliff & Co. are offering special prices, and thrifty buyers will have a chance to cash in on them.

While the store will be conducted as a grocer, clerks will be available for those who choose to be waited on in the former over-the-counter custom. A fine new truck has recently been added to the service and customers will find the daily deliveries convenient as always.

The firm's announcement will be noted in a special page adv. in this issue.

Horse and Driver Escape, Eggs and Vehicle Suffer

Driving his Ford car in the neighborhood of Gravel Hill on a recent afternoon Bruce Paisley ran into a horse-drawn vehicle owned and driven by Fred Connor. Nobody was hurt, but 20 dozen eggs were smashed in the Connor buggy, and the buggy itself as well as the harness on the horse were badly damaged. Fortunately the horse was not injured. Mr. Connor will be reimbursed from the liability insurance carried on the Paisley vehicle.

Mrs. Wm. Burkholder Funeral Friday For

Resident in Stouffville for several years, Mrs. Wm. Burkholder died early on Wednesday morning, following a period of ill health.

Resident in Whitechurch Township most of her married life, the late Mrs. Burkholder moved to town about ten years ago. Mr. Burkholder predeceased his wife four years. Surviving are a son Clifford on the home farm at Bethesda, and Alma, at home with the mother.

The funeral will be conducted from the late home on Friday, Nov. 12th, at 2 p.m., to Bethesda Church at 2.30, and to Heise Hill Cemetery for interment.

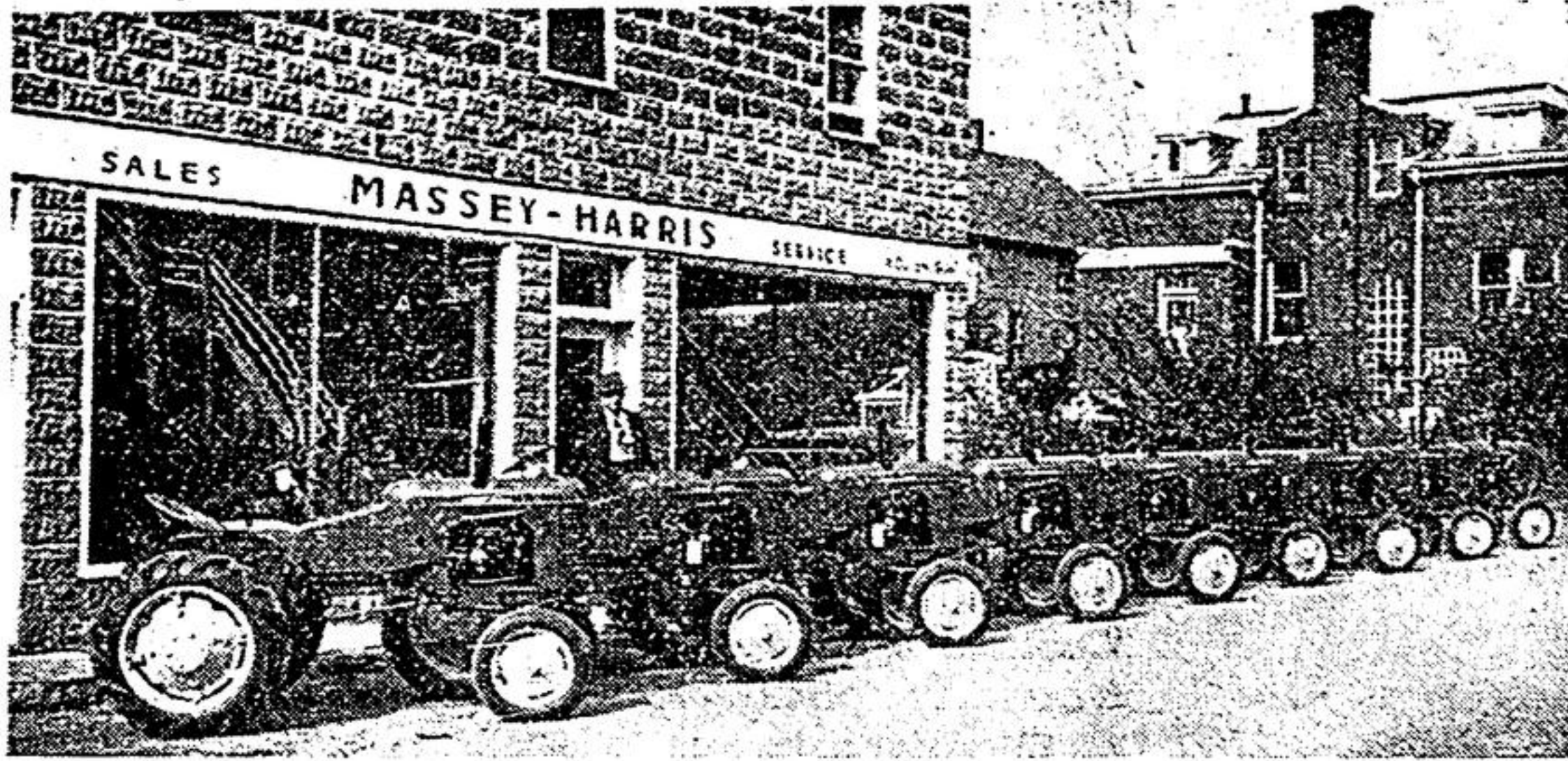
Timbers Opens New Street at Westend

Mr. Win Timbers is opening a street on his premises at the corner of the 9th concession of Whitechurch and the county road to Ringwood. Entrance to the new street will be immediately west of Byers new block, and will run behind the new Legion hall. It is proposed to face houses east and west on the new avenue when lots are sold for that purpose.

NIGHT SHOP CLASSES

All men in the community interested in enrolling in the night classes at the Stouffville High School, contact the Principal L. C. Murphy, or meet at the school on Monday evening, Nov. 15th, at 8 p.m.

MASSEY-HARRIS PONY TRACTORS READY FOR ACTION



This nearly \$10,000 worth of Massey Harris tractors shown here is the largest single order or shipment ever received by the Stouffville agency. Ready to go to work immediately the machines are being double-checked by the sales agent Mr. Henry Ogden before they leave the new premises of Ogden & Son who two years ago built a modern sales room immediately south of Stouffville post office.

Strong Address Delivered On Remembrance Day

Rev. D. Davis preached an impressive sermon at the Remembrance Day Service in Stouffville United Church on Sunday, when members of the local Legion and other veterans attended in a body. "The Unknown Soldier" was the subject of the address when the speaker forcefully reminded the rather small gathering how easily we forget those whose lives had been sacrificed, those who came back to a new life after an absence of years. He recalled the so-called voluntary enlistment period which was really not voluntary since the lads had been groomed and forced into the grove by public opinion. He referred to their great sacrifice, and how prone we are to forget, which was exemplified by empty pews and gallery.

Man Who Trailed West with Bronchos And Mules Back After 38 Years

Although he had been in town for a week it was not until Saturday night the reporter met Mr. Wellington Yake who is visiting among relatives and friends for the first time in 38 years. It was in April 1910 with members of his family they set out for Alberta in response to the call, so strong in those days, "go West young man." The Yakes headed that call, hence Wellington and his brother John Wesley and three sisters, all sons and daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Yake, found themselves among the first settlers in that part of Alberta, now well settled. In fact the Yakes were the first people to settle in the locality and John Wesley built the first house in the village. Wellington became its first and only postmaster, hence just as the Yakes were prominent in the early life of Stouffville, so were the Yakes the founders and closely allied to the early development of the Cappon district of Alberta.

"We rather went out in the proverbial covered wagon fashion back in 1910," Wellington told us. He explained, "we drove in with a heavy wagon powered by a team of bronchos. I broke the first piece of ground, and my brother John Wesley built the first shack in Cappon. Nelson Byer, Stouffville, came along with us on that memorable trip and bore his share of the hardship. He took up a homestead, but later abandoned it, I believe, and returned to Stouffville. But he had the experience of those early days," explained Mr. Yake. Mr. Yake met Mr. Byer on Saturday for the first time in about 35 years.

Two years after his arrival at Cappon Wellington was appointed postmaster, a position he has held ever since or for 36 years. His brother John Wesley was a school teacher and just retired last June. He lives in Saskatoon.

The three sisters who went along all married in the West. Annie, the eldest girl, is Mrs. Thos. Nunn whose husband was a railroader, with the Hudson Bay, and now entering retirement. Hattie is Mrs. Walter Wright. Her husband is a brother of Fred Wright in Pickering and Gib Wright the merchant at Ballantrae. Then there is Muriel, now Mrs. C. Smith of Oyen, Alta.

Mr. Hiram Yake, father of the family, died here at Stouffville but Mrs. Yake followed her children to the West and there she died some years ago. The old Yake home on the north-west corner of Tenth and Main streets stood for long years with the furniture in just as the family left it when they started their long trek to Alberta in 1910. However, age and decay set in, odd pieces of furniture were given to relatives years later, and finally the house was torn down. That was within the last 20 years.

Wellington Yake tried to express his feelings on return to the home village after all those years. He said it just was hard to do. The place never seemed the same when he rode down Main street this week. He imagined the long front street was much longer than it really is. He thought the farm of his cousin Wesley down the tenth was much farther from town, and the place where he was born, and known now as the Cedric Watson farm, was far from town. "But we were there to-day and it is only three or four minutes from town," he explained. Modern transportation is the answer.

Tribune Circulation Numbered 550 with First Issue in March 1888

When the Stouffville Tribune commenced publication sixty years ago the first paper came from the press dated March 1888, and the circulation started with 550 copies. This information is revealed in a letter written by one of the staff, Frank W. Porter, and preserved in the keeping of Miss Evangeline S. Martin of Portage La Prairie, who has been good enough to pass on the information to the editor.

Unfortunately no files are available from those early days, thus valuable records of the doings sixty

years ago are lost forever. Here and there copies of the paper have been preserved in families, but no permanent record such as the newspaper maintains today in book form of every issue printed.

Pheasants More Plentiful, Rifles Are Confiscated

The pheasant hunt in Markham and Whitechurch township last Friday and Saturday saw hundreds of hunters roaming over the territory, and from what could be learned many went home with their quota of birds. Two or three had their guns confiscated when it was discovered they were using rifles or causing some breach of the game laws. However, most of the hunters observed the rules. Hunters reported birds more plentiful on Friday than on Saturday, but that was due, no doubt, to the pheasants becoming fearful that all was not secure for them as it had been over the recent months, and naturally it took more hunting to dislodge them from their hiding places.

Hydro Biggest Problem At Council Meeting

Seven hundred and twenty-seven horsepower, largest month's consumption of electric power ever used in Stouffville, and a bill for \$1880.41 confronted the local municipal council at their regular meeting on Thursday night.

Power shutoffs in the morning hours were revealed to be creating a higher than usual peak. One reason for this is the fact that once the power is turned on again, nearly 100 flat rate water heaters come on all at once, and remain on till the water is brought up to heat again.

Latest report on the morning power shutoff revealed that Thursday's quota of 4700 was only over-run by 200 kwh., but on Friday, climbed to 5300 again. It was agreed at the end of the week to extend the night shutoff to an hour 6.30 until 7.30 p.m.

The reeve told council that it might be possible to give the local hospital a separate line from Markham Rural at the 10th con. east.

Mr. E. R. Good, president of the Horticultural Society, requested council to leave lights on for the annual Horticultural banquet, but was informed that his request could not be granted.

Geo. Allison requested grading be done on Lloyd Ave., and the matter was left in the hands of the street committee, Councillors John Scott and Henry Ogden.

A request for Armistice Day to be proclaimed a holiday from the Legion was not acted on. Council agreed, that request was too late for any action.

Council agreed to purchase a new table for the municipal hall. The Business Men's Association asked council to put up a Christmas tree in front of the municipal building. Councillor Henry Ogden, chairman of the property committee agreed to look after the matter.

Mr. Martin died in 1932 and is buried at Roland, Man. His wife was a Curtis, daughter of the late Robert Curtis of Mongolia and

Assessor Challenges Court's Right to Hear Ira Rusnell Appeal, Improperly Filed

Stouffville municipal council sitting as a Court of Revision on the 1949 assessment roll, heard thirteen appeals on Thursday evening, and adjourned court for a decision later.

Reeve Nolan, chairman, stated at the conclusion of the hearing that he believed the court would be well advised to go over the roll more carefully, before giving a decision on the particular cases appealed.

"Our assessment in Stouffville is very good compared with others in the county," said Mr. Nolan.

"I don't think the assessor should go after new properties too heavily," the reeve concluded. Reeve Nolan acted as chairman of the court on all but two of the cases in which he was personally connected, and for which Councillor Henry Ogden took the chair.

Constable Ira Rusnell appealed a total assessment of \$3,050, of which \$2600 is on his new residence, Baker Ave., and \$350 on the land.

"I ask this court to throw out this appeal, as no address or cause is given," said Assessor E. R. Good. "That's only a technicality," said Reeve Nolan, "I recommend this appeal be heard."

"I'm only asking for equality," said Mr. Rusnell.

"There are a number of houses, the same as mine, such as Morley Symes and Truman Baxter, which are assessed much lower," continued Mr. Rusnell.

Mr. Symes assessment on his new property on Lloyd Ave. is \$2450. "I still think this case should be laid over," said the assessor.

Assessor Good stated that Councillor John Scott would bear out his contention that the Assessing Dept. would not approve of appeal forms not being filled out correctly.

Mr. Walter Brillinger appealed his assessment of \$2,000 on house and \$250 on lot, and also appealed a number of other properties, first of which brought before the court was the Brown property, 9th con. (former Alfred Thomas residence).

"Brown's house would sell for as much or more than mine," stated Mr. Brillinger.

"I raised this place \$300," said Assessor Good. Also appealed by Mr. Brillinger was the Dr. Thomas house, 9th con., which is assessed for \$1700.

"This is an unfinished house," Mr. Good told the court.

The Ken Betz house assessed for \$1250, was also classed as unfinished by the assessor. "Truman Baxter's house is assessed \$700 less than mine, and it's a bigger house," contended Mr. Brillinger.

Speaking on behalf of her property on Church St. occupied by her son, Mrs. D. F. Holden told the court that the place had only hot-air heating, as compared with Mr. Brillinger's hot-water and oil, and the location was not nearly as good. The Holden house is assessed for \$1700.

In speaking of the appeal against the house tenanted by Mr. J. K. Agnew, Church St., the assessor said the place was 20 years old, only brought \$20 a month rent, and the cheapest of plumbing.

"It has an upstairs, and I haven't" returned Mr. Brillinger.

The appeal against Mr. John Lehman was dismissed, when it was pointed out, that Mr. Lehman did not own the property.

Mr. Brillinger appealed against Mr. Good's assessment of \$200 on his own lot, corner of Baker Ave. "He has more frontage than I have," said Mr. Brillinger.

"I believe this is only a piece of a lot," said Reeve Nolan. "Your lot's in an aristocratic location," said Assessor Good.

"Get off that stuff," retorted Mr. Brillinger.

In speaking of the appeal on the Frank Rowbotham house, Church St. south, Mr. Good stated that the

house as compared to Mr. Brillinger's, was 15 years old, the upstairs was cut up, the lot was extremely shallow, and the location very bad.

The Rowbotham house is assessed for \$1400.

"You raised my place \$400 inside of four weeks," said Mr. Brillinger. "Six weeks," Mr. Good replied.

An assessment of \$250 on the lot of Reeve Nolan was also appealed by Mr. Brillinger.

"This lot has 99 ft. frontage on Main St., and is double the width of mine," Mr. Brillinger told the court.

Mr. Good replied that this lot assessment compared favorably with other lots in the same area of town.

"There's \$700 difference between my assessment and Chas. Nolan's," Mr. Brillinger stated. "He's also got an upstairs."

"I agree that this house should have a little more on it," said the assessor, "but who wants to look out their front windows at those old church sheds, the locations are greatly different."

"He knew that when he built there," contended Mr. Brillinger. "That has nothing to do with it," said Mr. Good, "it still hurts the value of this house."

Lemonville Girl Wins Bus Trip

Phyllis Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wells of Lemonville, who won the York County Junior Farmers Plowing competition for girls, repeated her splendid performance of a year ago when she also was the winner.

She was presented with a cream and sugar set in 1947, and this year will be given a \$25 bus trip.

Not One Appeal On Uxbridge Twp. Assessment

The Uxbridge Township Council met on Monday, and as a Court of Revision. No appeals had been filed against the assessment roll for 1949, which was rather an unexpected situation in view of the changes made under the new assessment for 1948 by which the assessment of the township had been increased by over 60%. This increase did not affect the amount of taxes to be raised, but it does increase the individual tax in many instances.

Hydro Down to Quota on Monday

The full hour blackout beginning last Monday is having the desired results on the Stouffville hydro quota. On Monday the village got below its quota by 80 kilowatts.

Provided everybody, including industry and commercial users, are most careful with the electricity every day, it is possible that further cuts will not be ordered.

Until further notice the day and evening cutoffs will be maintained as was established on Monday this week. Morning at 10 to 10.45 and evening 6.30 to 7.30. Of course these hours are subject to change or to be lengthened without notice.

Church Basement Could Be Fire-Trap Warns Local Fire Chief

In carrying out his duties of fire chief Mr. Del. Jennings has issued a warning to the officials of the Stouffville United Church, that the basement of the church presents dangers in the case of fire should the buildings be utilized as a nursery school where numerous small children would be congregated daily.

"The doors swing the wrong way, there should be first aid equipment, fire extinguishers, and numerous changes made," said Fire Chief Jennings which become imperative if it is to be utilized for day school purposes.

Mr. Jennings said the changes should ultimately be made in any case for the protection of the children who attend Sunday School, although this is just one hour in the week, and is not quite as serious as daily classes assemblies present.