

STRICKEN IN THE POSTOFFICE AT CLAREMONT, MRS. GEO. SCOTT EXPIRES

Overcome by a weak spell while in the Claremont post office on Monday afternoon between four and five o'clock, Mrs. George Scott, prominent resident of the village, died at her home about two hours later. She had been about all day as usual, preparing for the coming Christmas festivities of the home.

Born in Pickering Township her maiden name was Minnie Pugh. After her marriage to George Scott, prominent and highly respected citizen of this district, the couple took up farming on the 8th concession of Pickering, where they remained for long years. They retired to Richmond Hill, but later transferred their residence to Claremont, where Mrs. Scott was actively associated with the life of the church and community. She was a member of the United Church Women's Missionary Society, and a group leader at the time of her death, and seldom missed a meeting. Owing to indisposition in health she did not attend the last gathering, however.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Scott celebrated fifty years of wedded life. Besides her husband there survives the mother four sons, Thomas, David, Gordon and Peter. Another son Dr. Wm. Scott predeceased his mother. Mrs. Scott has one sister living, Mrs. Wm. Miller of Pickering Village.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon seemed to have been attended by almost everybody in Claremont while many friends from the surrounding district were also present. The service was held at the late home, conducted by her pastor Rev. I. E. Kennedy. Interment was in the cemetery on the 7th concession, where members of the family found their last resting place.

Winning Horse Owners At Christmas Show

The quality of horses shown here on Tuesday at the Christmas show was very high, and classes were nicely filled, but the crowd was not very large. Disagreeable weather dampened the interest of many.

The results of the judging was:

Heavy Draught—T. A. Wilson Lumber Co., Cannington; Vince Baker, Stouffville, Heber Down, Brooklin.

Light Draught—Vinc. Baker, Heber Down, T. W. Wilson, Allen Lewis, Stouffville; Harvey Schell, Stouffville.

Percheron or Belgian—Jack Woods, Aurora; Harvey Schell, Wilmot Shea, Manilla; Roy Hall, Oshawa; Harvey Schell.

Amateur—Harvey Schell, Wilmot Shea, Harvey Schell, Allen Lewis.

4-horse team—Vinc. Baker, T. A. Wilson, Heber Down, Harvey Schell.

Wagon, horse and harness—Roy Hall, 1st and 2nd.

Best Clyde in show—T. A. Wilson, Vinc Baker, Heber Down, T. A. Wilson.

Best Percheron or Belgian—Jack Woods, W. Shea, H. Schell, Jack Woods.

Pony Class—Roy Hall, Henry Mitchell, Fred Connor.

Hanover Man Wins Legion Austin Car

The new Austin motor car given away by the Stouffville Legion on Tuesday evening following a ticket-selling campaign that lasted four months, went to G. E. Allen of Alliston, an employee on the Hanover Post.

When called by telephone by Lloyd Weldon, Allen expressed extreme surprise, as might be expected. He promised to be down here on Friday to receive his prize and produce his part of the ticket. The car was sold to the Veterans by Charlie Ward, local agent.

The lucky ticket was sold by Wallie Nickolson who will receive \$50 prize. Wallie did a great deal of selling along with the manager George Saunders who constantly pushed the sale from the first day to the last, thus making it the success it proved to be. Funds were earned to pay for much of the work going on the Memorial Hall.

Reeve A. V. Nolan was given the task of conducting the lucky draw before a filled hall at 12 midnight on Tuesday. He said that while he was privileged to draw the ticket from the drum himself, he would call on a young lady at random from the audience. The apartments.

A Very Merry Christmas



It's Christmas again and in countless homes everywhere, families and friends foregather, everyday cares forgotten, in the joyous fellowship of this ancient and hallowed festival. For Christmas is real, abiding through centuries of change, through good years and bad years, glad symbol of peace and goodwill on earth everywhere.

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What's Happening in Whitchurch This Week

Nominations for the office of reeve and for councillors in the Township of Whitchurch for 1949 will be received next Monday at Vandorf between the hours of one and two o'clock. In case an election is demanded it will be held on Tuesday January 4.

There are still rumblings of an election, possibly a contest for all offices. Ivan McLaughlin is mentioned as likely to oppose L. J. Harper for the deputy-reeveship, but will not be certain until Mr. McLaughlin gets before the ratepayers in the public meeting that follows the nominations. Fred Timbers is also being urged to come forward.

Appeal for Aldred Is Dismissed

The Supreme Court of Canada had rejected the appeal on behalf of young Aldred from Claremont who was sentenced to eighteen years for the slaying of the Malvern store keeper. The young man was spared from hanging because he entered the store for the purpose of stealing, and had no fire arms on him. The gun was produced by the unfortunate deceased William Cowan, and obtained in a scuffle by Aldred. This indicated that killing was not premeditated. However, the highest court in Canada considered the long sentence in prison justified.

choice fell to Miss Lois Neville, whose parents live in the Sangster

It is pointed out however, that it would be unfortunate if all councillors fight for deputy-reeveship, since only one can win, and the others would leave vacancies on the council that would all have to be filled by new men.

Then there is another line of gossip which says that Earl Toole may be seen back in council next year. No doubt he could readily gain a seat, and would be heartily welcomed back into public office. Mr. Toole went through to win the wardenship of York County only a few years ago, bringing great credit to his municipality and to himself.

Reeve L. P. Evans is reported to be standing for re-election and will be opposed by Deputy-Reeve Ed. Logan.

A DEAD GULL

Charlie Connor, 6th concession farmer, comes up with a "yes" answer to the query in this paper last week, "Did you ever see a dead sea gull?" Since they are around at times like a cloud in the sky, someone was moved to ask why more dead gulls are not seen.

Mr. Connor recalls that he found one in one of his fields last year. It had a wing spread of nearly five feet and was lying dead, after being seen around quite alive some days before.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sanderson announce the engagement of their daughter Thelma to Robert Hockley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hockley, Uxbridge; the marriage to take place early in January.

Poultry Prices Here On Tuesday

Farmers received 65 to 75c for what few turkeys were brought into Stouffville early this week. Geese realized 60c to 65c and ducks sold at anywhere from 45c to 55c with very little fowl offered. Chickens brought the farmer 55c to 60c a pound.

On Tuesday for market less than a ton of poultry was brought into town for sale, against eight and ten tons a few years ago for Christmas market.

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Bus, Truck Collide 35 Students Unhurt

High school students from Zephyr district bound for Uxbridge escaped with a shaking up when their school bus collided with a truck just outside the school gates on Monday. About a dozen were thrown to the floor but none were injured.

"I had about 35 students for the Uxbridge high school on board," said Albert Hockley, driver. "I think the truck must have skidded on the slippery road. It did about \$100 damage to the bus." The truck was driven by Cliff Goldstone, Uxbridge, Prov. Constable F. Johnston investigated.

Thieves Steal Rural Mail Boxes in Vivian District

No less than three rural mail delivery boxes were taken from their mooring on rural route No. 2 Stouffville during the night of Monday, according to a report received at the local post office Tuesday.

The boxes were taken from owners who live on Cherry street adjoining the Vivian forest almost opposite the main lodge on the grounds. Owners could not account for the boxes being removed from the posts, and those who suffered loss were Messrs. Nelson, Elliott and Clarke. Whitchurch police chief Ronald Watts is investigating, and an inspector from the Dominion government is expected to take the matter up. It is a serious offense to steal anything pertaining to His Majesty's Mail.

Only a month ago still another mail box was stolen on this route when the box at the farm of Peter Saboratti, Ballantrae, was taken. It is presumed that mail boxes are

stolen with the hope of holding them for resale, a vain wish, say police, since they would be easily traced, and the sale of mail boxes in this manner extremely hazardous.

The rural mail courier on route No. 2 Stouffville is Myron Anderson. He was unable to report whether any mail was stolen along with the boxes or not. However, it was more than evident that it was boxes the thief or thieves sought, since taking mail would have been easy to accomplish without taking away the box.

So far as could be recalled at the local police headquarters this is the first case of stealing boxes on record from any of the routes running out of Stouffville, and it is doubtful that the removal of four boxes within a few weeks has a parallel in the province.

CHRISTMAS MARKET TERMED "A FLOP," CROWD SMALL

Due to various causes the annual Christmas market in Stouffville held on Tuesday was very poor indeed, both from the standpoint of attendance and in the amount of produce brought here for sale by farmers.

One merchant said the affair was definitely "a flop" and unless the merchants did something about it in a more serious way next year, the day should not be called "Christmas market" any more.

Weather conditions were not the best. It snowed all morning next thing to rain, and the street was mucky. Few farmers were about. In fact the crowd on Main street Monday morning was larger. People said everybody was waiting until after dinner for the horse show when a big crowd was hoped for. However at two o'clock interest was still lacking. The grocery stores were rather idle and no store was overly crowded, although there were a few scattered buyers. Despite all this general stores reported good business.

Ratcliff & Co. have given up buying poultry, and the merchant purchasers were the three butcher shops. Visiting these places it was revealed that little poultry came in. Buyers had been through the country and picked up the poultry privately. The reporter saw only one nice lot of geese for sale at the curb-side and these went individually to private buyers at 65c a pound. Butchers were quoting and paying from 60c to 65c, but as one butcher explained, "we cannot afford to pay the retail price to farmers. Unless we can buy wholesale and deliver to customers at retail, the business cannot go on."

Another buyer bemoaned the lack of accommodation. No market place. No prizes and no friendly cup of tea for visitors. These are the things that make other centres popular on market day. However, some merchants are doubtful about the value of a market day. They take the view that without a big jam on one day the buying is better spread over the Christmas season.

Thus we have the two ideas. It is likely that ere another Christmas rolls around the issue will be settled. Shall we have a big day, exhibits in Memorial Hall, and free lunch for farmers supplied with tickets by the merchants as Christmas gifts, or shall we proceed on an even way of things—good store displays, competitive prices, but no so-called "big days."

LEAVING FOR BELLEVILLE CHURCH FRIENDS FAREWELL

Baptist church friends tendered Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover a farewell party at the Stover home on O'Brien avenue on Tuesday evening on the eve of their departure next week for Belleville where Mr. Stover has purchased a bakery business. The Stovers were presented with a lovely mirror as a remembrance of their days spent in Stouffville and in the church.

Bruce Stover began his baking career with his father Ambrose in the Stouffville Bakery, after taking a course in this line at the Agricultural College. In branching out on his own behalf he will have the best wishes for success of many friends here.

Prize Rooster, and 140 Hens Stolen While Farmer at Concert

During a Christmas concert at Atha Friday night chicken thieves struck twice at neighboring farms and escaped with 140 hens and a prize Leghorn rooster.

At the farm of Ernest Carruthers on the eighth concession of Pickering Township, the "take" was 20 Rhode Island Reds, 30 Leghorns and the rooster. Murray Dunkled, whose farm is two miles southwest of Claremont, lost 90 Plymouth Rocks.

Both farmers and their families attended the concert and did not return home till shortly before midnight. The thefts were reported to police next morning.

The thieves visited the farm of Alex Robinson, neighbor to the Carruthers farm, and left the stable door wide open, but they got no chickens. Mr. Robinson had sold a fine flock three days before. "It must have been pretty easy for the thieves. All they had to do was unlatch the henhouse doors and cart the birds away. It was snowing heavily during the evening, and that was enough to cover any car tracks," said Constable Frank Godley of the Ontario Provincial Police. Pickering Township police are co-operating in the investigation.