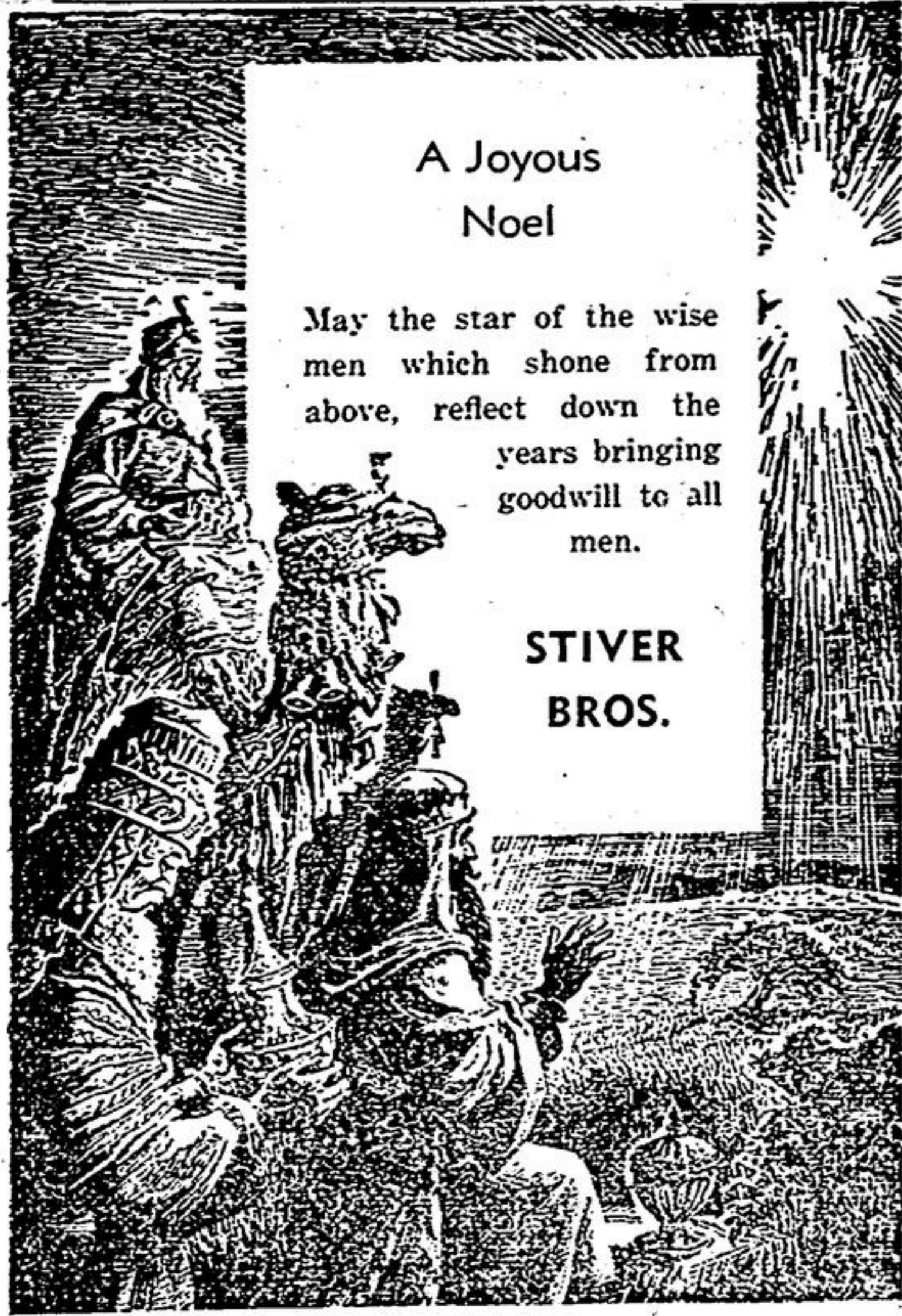


Local and Personal Happenings



A Joyous
Noel

May the star of the wise men which shone from above, reflect down the years bringing goodwill to all men.

STIVER
BROS.

The Tribune would appreciate receiving the names of your Christmas visitors, as well as the names of those who leave town and district for the holiday season. Write out your own report or telephone 153J2.

BLUE COAL HERE AGAIN

Central Feed Store (Elmer Daniels) announces the arrival this week of a car load of Blue Coal, stove size, and is advising immediate placing of orders which will ensure prompt delivery. Call by phone 277.

The light fall of snow last week tendered to give a Christmas air to things that it somewhat lacked until the slight change in the weather from almost springlike days. Looking at matters here on Monday, (time of writing) the Main street is dirty with melting snow and sand with a calcium mix, and moderating temperature, until one scarcely estimates whether the end of the week will be continuing mild or winter atmosphere. Down at the rink Clayt Baker has been doing his best to get some ice, but again from this date the chances of skating for Christmas look mighty slim. Only a sharp change to colder weather could save the situation for the skaters.

MELVILLE W.M.S.

Melville W.M.S. held their annual meeting at the Manse on Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Election of officers resulted in a unanimous return of officers for 1949. There was a record attendance in members and friends. The Christmas program "The Christian World at the Feet of Jesus" was observed. The hostess served refreshments following the meeting when a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Chapin; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Wm. McKay; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Alfred Smith; Secretary, Miss Janet Bruce; Treasurer, Mrs. Benson Myers.

BALLANTRAE

Albert Mapes, 87-year-old resident of the Seldom Seen district north-west of Ballantrae, and one of the oldest men in the Township of Whitchurch, is able to leave Newmarket hospital after several weeks in that institution. He is being cared for at a convalescent home, before he takes up house-keeping again on his own behalf, a privilege he is looking forward to, according to Bob Radford and other neighbors who miss the aged recluse about his humble cabin.

Ratcliff & Co. have made a further improvement to their grocery. Entering on the right and leaving from the left door not only makes for convenience but the change adds to the improvement and the appearance of the old established firm.

Markham Changing Bank Manager

It was reliably reported in town on Monday that Mr. George Stewart, manager at Markham of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is being transferred to Sarnia. A Stouffville old boy Mr. Stewart will have the best wishes of his many friends here in his business career in the Southern end of the province. We understand the Markham manager-ship will be assumed by a man from Quebec.

Visitors in town for the Christmas season will be Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter from Nova Scotia who will be at the home of their son Walter Carter and wife in the Sangster apartments, Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Carter of Toronto will also be here on Christmas day. The Carters are a comparatively new family in town moving here from Chatham two years ago. Mr. Carter is employed in the city, and his wife thinks Stouffville is ideal for their children.

Maintenance Situation

The Miller Paving Company have the contract for sanding through the main part of Stouffville, or from the Tenth to the railway tracks, with their sander travelling from Uxbridge. Heretofore the County of York did this work in town, but toward the end of last winter the Dept. of Highways took over since the highway to the railway tracks is a Dept. of Highways road running from Stouffville (tracks) to Greenbank. From the west side of the tracks the road belongs to York County. The situation is more or less unsatisfactory with part of Stouffville under county maintenance and part under Dept. of Highways, and it is hoped that some solution to the problem will be reached before long.

On Sunday the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams at Lincolnville just north of Stouffville was aglow with enthusiasm. It was the occasion of their 48th wedding day, and all the family were home to mark the event. Mr. and Mrs. Williams settled at Lincolnville as bride and groom, going directly to their farm following their marriage in Toronto. The late Rev. Alfred Beford tied the nuptial knot for them, and later this minister was stationed at Uxbridge and Stouffville in the old Methodist church. Present on Sunday for the interesting gathering were Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mel. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hope, also John and Betty.

RINGWOOD

Miss Ada Barkey and Mrs. Gordon Fockler are in the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital for treatment.

Keen disappointment is felt by the ratepayers at the absence of a Christmas concert in our Ringwood school this year.

Delos Graham has had a bulldozer working on his farm for several days erecting a dam to make an artificial pond.

The Christmas Tree

Railed at by jay and jeered by raucous crew,
Though hailed with joy by wren and chickadee;
Hemmed in where wild plums, briars and hawthorne grow:
A sturdy, little, lonesome balsam tree.

A passing trucker chanced to glance that way;
A cheery smile replaced his frown:

He saw, in vision, children, Christmas Day —
And to the tree he said, "You go to town."

So, carefully 'twas taken from its place,
And scarcely missed amid the tangle there,
But, in his home, was trimmed and shaped to grace
A cosy nook hard by the open stair.

And there it stands aglow. The radiant light
Of tinsel splendour on its branches borne,
The homely gifts, bring raptures of delight
To childish voices in the early morn.

Oh, little tree, torn from your native soil,
You too were born to make a Christmas bright—
You too must die in sacrifice and toil
To keep the Christmas Spirit ever right.

Yet, sacrifice with love is never vain,
For when love enters sacrifice doth flee,
And age and youth are once more rendered kin
In the festive air around a Christmas Tree.

—W.F.R.

Never gaze at something nifty, when your car is doing fifty.

Stores open in Stouffville Thursday and Friday evenings. Shop early.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank MacDonald of Hamilton were in town on Saturday calling on Mrs. John Urquhart, west end. Years ago Mr. MacDonald was on the local banking staff, and his wife was a town girl here.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The schools will close for holidays Wednesday, December 22nd and re-open Monday, Jan. 3.

The Tribune hears that Mrs. Charlie Harper, west end resident, fell walking down the grade in front of Dr. S. S. Ball's residence and suffered a fractured shoulder. Friends will be grieved to know that Mrs. Harper has suffered this misfortune especially on the eve of Christmas time.

One of the finest Christmas cards to come out of the north country this season was received this week from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rae of Espanola. A lovely piece of work, from old friends that is certainly appreciated. Former reeve of Uxbridge township the district lost good citizens when the family invested in the delightful summer camp and left the home district.

The body of the late Mrs. Francis Frank who died in Charlottetown, P.E.I., will arrive in town on Wednesday for burial here on Thursday morning this week, Dec. 22. A public service in the Anglican church will be held at 10 a.m.

The late Mrs. Frank was known to many in Stouffville as Mrs. Joe Todd, who built the fine residence at the corner of Main and Albert streets now owned by Mrs. Delbert Holden.

Mrs. Frank is survived by a daughter Mrs. W. R. Adams of Charlottetown, and by one son Lou Todd of Timmins, Ontario.

We notice by the announcement in this issue for Maple Leaf Dairy, Stouffville, that the staff at the dairy is to have Christmas day off, also New Year's Day will be a holiday for the dairy people as well. There will be a milk delivery again on Sunday, following the Christmas and New Year holidays, that is Sunday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 2. Patrons of the dairy should make a mental note and provide enough milk on the next two Fridays to carry over the holiday at the end of each week.

Ed. O'Brien Says, "Season's Greetings"

Member of one of Stouffville's early families closely aligned with the days of incorporation, Edmund O'Brien, 88-year-old resident of Cape Cod, Mass., sends along in his own good handwriting Christmas greetings to old friends. Says Mr. O'Brien, "please pass along the season's greetings to all my old friends of yesteryear. I am in my 88th year and still going strong."

For years Mr. O'Brien conducted a quick lunch at this popular world resort, starting from a very small beginning in a business where he could not cope with the demand for his famous chicken pies. He is now in retirement, and we return to this still well remembered member of the O'Brien family hearty congratulations on his ability to be "still going strong" despite the weight of years.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS PEOPLE

Business men and firms who were unable to obtain space in this issue to wish their friends and customers the compliments of the season, or some other announcement, are still able to do that in the next issue, (Dec. 30) which is just as appropriate. Just one thing is necessary, reserve your space and get copy in NOW.

Mrs. John Tarr is now in Toronto where she will spend the winter months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Burgar on Strathmore Blvd.

Mrs. Herbert Lee who has an apartment with Miss Lemon on Church street is spending the Christmas holidays in Toronto at the homes of her son and daughter.

Mrs. Grubin, Church St., and daughter Marguerite, have gone to Ottawa to spend the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Grubin's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thom.

Miss Marguerite Grubin, third year Arts student at the University of Toronto, and daughter of Mrs. Grubin, Church St., gave a most pleasing performance recently in the Victoria College Music Club concert in Hart House, Toronto. Music critics had this to say: "Lovely Iolanthe played by Marguerite Grubin, spoke and moved beautifully, and her singing voice, already noted, indicated good training."

The green house explosion in Etobicoke township last week which did some \$135,000 damage had a local side to the terrible disaster, since the owner of the greenhouses was John Elford whose wife is a sister to Mr. Norman O'Boyle, Stouffville business man and owner of O'Boyle's Meat Market.

Now heating equipment has been hurried into place by Mr. Elford and his three sons in time to save about \$18,000 worth of stock ready to cut for Christmas and January. Cause of the explosion in the large green house is being investigated, in an effort that repetition of such a catastrophe may never happen again.

Don't forget to lay in supplies for a long holiday weekend. When the stores close in Stouffville and throughout Markham township on Friday night, they will remain closed until Tuesday morning. Both municipalities gave issued proclamations declaring Monday a public holiday to be observed as Boxing Day, first business day after Christmas. Boxing Day has no reference to things pugilistic. In England the day after Christmas is so called because on that day the Christmas boxes placed in the churches for casual contributions are opened and the contents distributed to those who render small services without pay. The night of the same day is known as boxing night. The holiday is a survival of an old custom, and in Canada it is intended to compensate merchants and employees for the long hours of work usually experienced through the Christmas season. Way back the Monks on that day offered prayers for the safety of vessels and at the same time put a small box on each ship to receive contributions from the sailors. Carrying a box from door to door for receiving gifts and presents was an early custom on this day.

MRS. PERCY BRILLINGER MOURNS LOSS OF BROTHER

The death occurred suddenly at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Cyril Collyer in London, Ontario, on Tuesday of Hartwell R. Foster, brother of Mrs. Percy Brillinger of Stouffville. He was a former photographer and business man in Ingersoll for many years.

Mr. Foster had been in failing health for five years, giving up business in Ingersoll three years ago when he went to London. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A. M., No. 68, and was a Presbyterian in religion. Besides his wife two daughters survive, Mrs. Collyer of London and Mrs. Don Juntunen of Detroit. There are four grandsons.



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