

## Recluse of 88 Albert Mapes Dead "Glad I Escaped Women" he Told The Press Two Years Ago

A resident of Whitchurch Township longer than anybody who knows him can remember, Albert Mapes died over the weekend in his 88th year. For long years he lived alone in the locality west of Ballantrae known as Seldom Seen. Despite the fact that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and that disease springs often from uncleanness, Albert Mapes got along very well without the modern bath tub or shower, and like the Indians in the early days reserved most of his bathing for congenial summer weather.

The aged Albert Mapes, somewhat of a recluse, was a small man and wore a flowing beard. He never had a sick day that neighbors could recall, until the final breakup last fall when he was ushered off to hospital much against his wishes.

Mr. Mapes owned the 25 acres of land on which he lived out his bachelor life, and enjoyed the pension since it provided for even more than his meagre needs. Result, he had in cash on the premises over \$300.

Not since boyhood, Mr. Mapes told The Tribune in August 1948, had he seen the city of Toronto, in fact he hadn't strayed far from the place where he was born on the Uxbridge-Whitchurch townline. He also informed the press at that time that he had three sisters and one brother. Only survivor is one sister Mrs. Henry McGann of Toronto, but Mapes had never seen her in many years. There are three nephews.

Said Mr. Mapes to the press during that visit: "I'm not much of a cook, but smoke a plug of tobacco a week." He was by nature dubious about women, for he made the remark over and over, "I'm glad I didn't get caught by any woman." Since the deceased died intestate, and the municipality had looked after his requirements during this illness, the council on Monday instructed Clerk John Crawford to notify the Old Age Pension Board and to contact the Public Trustee.

### HEAR RETURNED MISSIONARY SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. Frank Cook, returned missionary from Bolivia and who will shortly become a preacher in Spanish as "Voice of the Andes" Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, will be speaking in Baker Hill Church in Sunday evening, Jan. 16, at 7.30 o'clock.

### MARKS BIRTHDAY AT PETERBOROUGH

On January 10th a happy birthday occasion was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Clark, R.R.2 Peterborough, to mark the 91th anniversary in the life of Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. Thos. W. Klinek. Present were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Klinek of Gormley, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rowbotham and Mr. H. O. Klinek of Stouffville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis P. Klinek and daughter Erma of Gormley. Mrs. Klinek's eldest son, Dr. L. S. Klinek and Mrs. Klinek of Vancouver, B.C., unable to be present, provided a lovely birthday cake for the occasion. Mrs. Klinek who is spending the winter with Mrs. Clark, her youngest daughter, is still active and in good health. She wishes to express her thanks to the many friends who sent her congratulations and tokens of esteem too numerous for her to acknowledge in person.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

On Tuesday, Jan. 18th, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Main street. They will receive from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening.

Mr. George Bennett, Markham Township, is leaving this week to spend six weeks in Miami, Florida. He will travel with a party of city friends.

There will be no dancing at the Legion Hall this Saturday evening, owing to improvements going on to the interior of the building.

There'll be a Pee Wee game here at 7 p.m. this Thursday night—and a Bantam game at 8 o'clock. Agincourt will provide the opposition.

### WHEN HORSES NEIGH MINGLED WITH COUNCILLORS' "NAYS"

Invited to speak to the members of Markham Township Council at their inaugural meeting Mr. J. E. Smith, M.P. for North York, who happened to be present in the capacity of a reporter for his Richmond Hill newspaper, recalled that when he first attended meetings in Markham township 23 years ago, the council assembled in a hall directly over the hotel horse sheds in Unionville.

That brought to the memory of another reporter who listened to Mr. Smith that too often the neighs of the horses just below the councillors' feet with only a board floor between became confused with the yeas and nays of the councillors.

Record has it that on one occasion two horses became quarrelsome and persisted in keeping up a steady stream of squealing to the great annoyance of the then Reeve Jonathan Nigh, who requested that someone go down stairs and remove the opposition.

### Good Turnout for Opening Bush-League

Over three hundred fans were on hand at the Stouffville Arena on Tuesday evening, for the opening double-header of the Inter-Community League. Pine Orchard downed Brougham 4-3 in the first half of the twin bill, while Stouffville upset Uxbridge Junior Farmers 4-2. The Pine Orchard goalie was struck a glancing blow by a stick in the third period of the first tilt, and had to be removed to the local hospital for repairs.

Next Tuesday night, will see Stouffville oppose Pine Orchard, and Brougham clash with Uxbridge Junior Farmers.

### HOBBY-CRAFTERS ORGANIZE AT HIGH SCHOOL HERE

On Tuesday evening the married couples club met and came to the following conclusions regarding the hobby-crafts. There will be four groups, woodwork, sewing, art and leather work, under the following group leaders, Norman O'Boyle, Elizabeth Taylor, Frances O'Boyle, and Clara Pierre, respectively. Other hobby groups are pending. If you are interested in any of these hobbies, contact the leader for instructions as to time, place and equipment. This club includes all married couples of Stouffville and surrounding districts and sponsors the hobby-crafts to which any adult is welcome.

### Thin Ice and Poor Quality So Far at Musselman's Lake

Right on the eve of the annual ice harvest at Musselman's Lake, there is little ice to harvest this Monday morning as the warm sun shines down on the scene where normally men would be preparing for a big cut with a thickness of around 15-17 inches. Instead, one sees only Fred Coultice cutting a few trial blocks, if one could call them blocks. "Just enough to cover the floor of the ice house," said Mr. Coultice. Any ice makes a suitable floor for the harvest to come.

However, Tuesday morning the weather had stiffened and Jack Frost was really doing his work. Inches were added to the thickness of the shallow blocks that Monday were only seven or eight inches in depth, and very poor quality.

Carl Rose who is perhaps the largest cutter from winter to winter, is standing in readiness to "make harvest" just as soon as the ice crop is ready. He thinks there is plenty of time yet, but what is needed is a steady period of cold weather. If the winter runs true to what we have been getting, that kind of weather is not likely to be available.

Failure of an ice harvest would place many a dairy and butcher in awkward position, despite the fact that some butchers and dairies have artificial ice plants. Then there is the dozens of farmers who put in ice for their milk and cream, who would be greatly handicapped.

### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elson wish to announce the engagement of their second daughter Marjorie Eldeen to William Joseph Lawrence Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Norton, the wedding to take place on Saturday, Jan. 29.

### Brierbush Hospital Records Record Year With 142 Births

The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, smashed all its previous high records for births in 1948, when no less than 142 babies were born there. Further, there was not a single death at childbirth, which makes it still more bright on the books of this institution.

The previous best year for births was in 1947 when 109 babies were born, outdistancing 89 in 1946. The achievement speaks well for the local hospital, and the hard-working staff under the superintendency of Mrs. Malcolm, who took over the place about three and a half years ago, and increased the accommodation to 27 beds in recent time.

As an indication of the service rendered at the Brierbush it is recorded in the government report that there were 516 patients admitted during the year, and 497 discharged. The number of hospital days show as \$260, divided adults 6810, and babies 1450.

As in past years there is always steady improvement made in the matter of accommodation, and just now the basement floor is being remodelled. A spacious frigidaire room is nearing completion, while the store-rooms are being remodelled where table supplies are kept in ample quantities. Also on this lower floor is the modern heating plant, and the x-ray room.

In the west wing upstairs, an operating room has been set up, and the hospital would like to obtain an oxygen tent and equipment which would be very useful in certain cases. Miss Jean Pipher, R.N., who gave up her Christmas holiday period to help out at the hospital, donated her remuneration to start a fund for this equipment, and it would be an appreciated gesture on the part of a few citizens to take the matter up to raise about \$150 for this purpose.

While this institution is privately operated, it must be remembered that it is handicapped by the lack of public support accorded public hospitals. Indigent patients from York or Ontario county earn no government grant, such as would be paid a public institution over and above the per diem. paid by the municipality and the county. This is a situation that is unfair and not in the best interest of the general public. Miss Pipher who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pipher is taking a teachers' training course at the University, which will qualify her to be an instructor in nursing. She was so greatly impressed with the possibilities and the work going on here that she decided to do something about aiding in providing another piece of equipment which will be so needful in the future.

The delivery room on main floor is the last word in providing first-class accommodation, with careful attention given to hygienic rules and practices.

These have been difficult days for all hospitals small and large, with the shortages of nurses, and difficulty in obtaining general help. However, Mrs. Malcolm, superintendent is not easily discouraged and has carried on in admirable manner. Miss Ina Forester, R.N., who comes from Maple, Ontario, is first assistant to the superintendent, and also doing great work. Miss Forester is a graduate of the Toronto General.

While at times the hospital has reported a strained period to furnish accommodation, just now the tension is eased and the beds are available for almost any demand that may be made.

### Bethesda Community Mourn Loss of Mrs. Hunt

The death of Mrs. William Hunt at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday this week, came as a great shock to friends. Although in delicate health, it was not realized that her condition was critical by the wide circle of acquaintance. Mrs. Hunt was in her 71st year.

She was a daughter of a Whitchurch couple, her maiden name being Elizabeth Ellen Phillips, and after her marriage to William Hunt she continued to live in the municipality. Surviving are her husband and one son Russell.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon proceeded from the family residence at lot 12, concession 5, to the Bethesda United Church for service, thence to Helse Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt was active in church life in Bethesda where she will be keenly missed.

## Town Spending Kept Within the Budget - Taxes Over \$28,000

Even though local taxpayers were given a mill reduction in last year's rate, a move termed as folly by some, the Stouffville municipal council received the news from the town treasurer Thursday night, that municipal spending would leave a surplus of several hundred dollars.

The tax roll was received from Collector K. R. Davis and showed \$28,330 collected with only \$165.00 outstanding. The showing is creditable both for council and taxpayers.

At the inaugural meeting for 1949 on Thursday night, the clerk was instructed to have a bylaw prepared to provide for pay for members of Stouffville council.

Two accounts from the local fire brigade were tabled for investigation. The Brigade have, without council consultation, changed their system of billing to a charge for every member of the brigade, whether the members attend a fire or not. There are seventeen members on the brigade.

"That's no good," declared councillor Henry Ogden, "soon members won't go if they're going to get paid anyway—better increase the pay of those who do go."

"That would sure induce members not to attend fires," agreed Councillor Clayt. Baker.

"They should come to council before changing their policy," said councillor Glenn Ratcliff.

Reeve Nolan and Councillor Scott agreed with other members that such a change was not good, and recommended that the current bills be held up, until the matter was investigated.

On recommendation of the fire brigade, Chief Del Jennings was re-appointed for another term at a salary of \$100.

It was agreed that estimates of next year's road expenditures should be prepared for next meeting, so that the necessary road expenditures bylaw can be passed and forwarded to the Highway Dept.

A total of \$3,107 was expended on town streets last year, exclusive of Main street. The Department approved of \$1473, on which amount they paid a 50% subsidy.

The street committee was asked to measure Brillingier Ave. where a request has been made for a sidewalk. Tenders will be called for the work, and the figures submitted to the interested ratepayers. Complaints were recognized regarding the dangerous condition which exists on the corner between Mill and Duchess streets, where a high hedge completely blocks motorists' view. It was agreed that the street committee should take steps to have the trouble remedied.

Accounts passed for payment for the removal of snow from the business section totalled \$175.00.

The power and light committee agreed to have street lights installed on Lloyd Ave. where three new homes have been erected.

### SPREAD WIDE NET FOR MISSING GIRL

Missing from her home at Jackson's Point since last Wednesday, 13-year-old Shirley Galligie is the object of a widespread police search which has been extended to Toronto.

Mrs. Winnifred Galligie said she believed her daughter may have gone to Toronto, as she was found there on a previous occasion after leaving home. The girl's mother told police her daughter "looks considerably older than 13."

### Mother of Eight Children Succumbs

Mrs. Gordon Fockler died in the Brierbush Hospital here early Wednesday morning following a long period of ill health and a surgical operation performed some months ago. Only in her 36th year, she leaves her husband and eight children, eldest of whom is sixteen years.

The funeral this Friday afternoon, Jan. 14, will proceed from the farm home at Ringwood to Ringwood Christian Church for public service at 3 o'clock. Interment will be at Dickson Hill cemetery.

### Orange Lodge Holds Annual Meeting

Ontario County Loyal Orange Association held its annual meeting at Derryville in Brock Township on February 14 in the afternoon. Older members recalled having climbed snowbanks 30 years ago to reach the place of this annual gathering, but this year they all arrived in motor cars over virtually snowless roads. The delegates numbered 43, and it was decided to accept the invitation to be the guest of the Derryville lodge for the annual 12th July Walk this year in the village of Cannington. Derryville announced they had completed arrangements with Cannington to celebrate in that village.

The officers elected were: W.M.—Russel Valentine, Derryville Deputy M.—Wm. Burgess, Balsover

### Once Tailor in Goodwood Became Minister, Rev. Boothby Passes in States

Rev. Freeman Forsyth Boothby of Everett, Washington, died there on January 5 at the age of 75 years as a result of a stroke. He was buried at West Seattle, Wash., on January 8.

The late Mr. Boothby was born at Altona, east of Stouffville, and as a youth learned the tailoring trade in Goodwood with the late Mr. Bloomany. He studied for the ministry, and 45 years ago became a pastor, serving appointments in the Methodist church in Dakota, and Washington States.

Rev. Mr. Boothby married a Goodwood girl, whose maiden name was Sadie Lynn. Surviving are three sons Joyce of Seattle, Lynn and Thomas, also two daughters Pearl and Elmina of Seattle, and by five grandchildren. Two brothers surviving are Charles Boothby of Mission City, B.C., and Benjamin of Los Angeles, Cal., and one sister, (Annie) Mrs. G. Hughes of Toronto.

Curling at Midland this week in the big bonspiel there were Messrs. Chris. Armstrong, Walter Brillingier, M. E. Watts and Gar. Lehman.

Chaplain—Rev. W. Profit, Beaverton D. of C.—Harold King, Wilfrid Treasurer—Don Smith, Beaverton Rec. Sec.—Elmer Robertson, Udney Fin. Sec.—Norman Wagg, Goodwood Lecturers—Cecil Taylor, and Harold Elson

## Town Benefactor Elizabeth Percy To be Buried Here

Miss Elizabeth Percy who fifteen years ago presented the village of Stouffville with its fine tower-clock, died on Monday in the Royal York Hospital, Montreal, following an illness of some duration. She was in her 80th year, and never forget the childhood spent here when her parents, Elder William Percy, and his wife Esther Elizabeth Graham were resident on Albert street at the corner of Second where Bank Manager Thompson resides today.

Miss Percy's spontaneous response to an appeal made through the editorial column of The Tribune to the effect that a town clock would make an ideal memorial for someone to provide, indicated her love for parents and loyalty to the town of their last resting place. Miss Percy read that appeal, as she said, sitting under an evergreen down in South Carolina where she was wintering. She clipped the item, and brought it back to place in the hands of the present editor with the intimation that the idea entreated her, and she called for further information. Result, public subscription met the cost of the brick tower that houses this splendid Percy Memorial Clock which was the sole condition surrounding the gift.

Miss Percy's father was a very popular minister and established a record for the number of couples that came to him to be joined in wedlock. He was a Christian church

pastor, serving on two circuits surrounding Stouffville, first the Blooming circuit, and finally the Churchill circuit. Records indicate that he preached his first sermon as a young minister in the year 1865. He and his wife died in 1914.

Elder and Mrs. Percy were survived by a talented family of four sons and four daughters. The sons were Charles, Walter, Clayton and Fred. Two of the boys studied for the ministry, one became a professor. Of the four girls Ella, Elizabeth, Gladys and Lillian, two became graduate nurses, and one or two graduated in the teaching profession.

Elizabeth Percy travelled widely crossing to England and visiting on the continent on more than one occasion. In recent years she journeyed South for the winters. She was caught in Pearl Harbour at the outbreak of war, but survived the ordeal without harm. She possessed a personality and charm that will long be remembered by those who knew her, and her desire to leave a memorial to the memory of her deceased parents indicates the gracious character she possessed.

Burial will be in the family plot at Stouffville cemetery on Thursday afternoon, following public service in the chapel of L. E. O'Neill at 2.30 p.m. Rev. F. H. Muir of the Congregational-Christian church will officiate at the service.

## Plowmen Sail for British Isles This Week



Rhys Bacher



Robert Timbers



Wilbert McFaddin



Alvin Mark

Five Ontario farmers will sail January 15 for the British Isles where they will represent Canada at the International Plowing Match to be held at Saint's Field, County Down, Northern Ireland.

Members of the team include Rhys Bacher of Hagersville and Robert Timbers of Stouffville, winners in the Esso Tractor Class at last year's International plowing match at Lindsay, Ont.; Alvin Mark of Cameron and Wilbert McFaddin of Millbank, the Salada

Tea champions, and Elliott Moses of Oshweken, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association and team manager. Mr. Moses is a member of the Delaware tribe of the Six Nations.

The men will sail from New York on the new liner "Caronia" for a month's tour of the British Isles as guests of Imperial Oil Ltd. and the Salada Tea Co. Ltd. As well as participating in the plowing matches they will study British

methods of agriculture and will visit many places of historical interest.

Although the Canadian farmers have never been abroad, when they visit Northern Ireland they will see old friends made last October at the International Plowing Match at Lindsay. It was the first time that a team from the British Isles had ever plowed in Canada and the Irish plowmen were a feature attraction of the match.