

VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL CEILING GOING ON



Persistence and determination against great odds displayed on the part of the members of Stouffville Legion have brought this fine memorial hall into existence. Semi-officially

the hall is now open and has been rendering service before it is actually completed. Monies earned go to purchase materials. Here, veterans are seen holding another "bee"

placing the ceiling. Fred Castle and Walter Smith in the foreground. To the right William Malloy and Bert Clarkson are seen while we also recognize Harold Morden and Jack Skinner, left.

Wife of Former Pastor Brought Back for Burial

The remains of the late Mrs. H. M. Evans was brought to Stouffville from Montreal on Wednesday and taken in charge by O'Neill's funeral chapel for burial the same afternoon in the family plot here. Mrs. Evans was the wife of a former minister here, pastor of the flock which ranged itself under the banner of the Disciple Church which first began in the east end but later had their church in the west end. Mrs. Evans is recalled by our older residents and she was buried here along with a son who died years ago.

A very interesting Horticultural meeting was held in the United Church basement on Tuesday evening of this week. Despite the cold there was a splendid attendance. Mr. Carl James of Unionville showed garden pictures, Mrs. Bramham played a piano solo, Mr. Eugene Baker and Miss Alta Fockler sang a couple duets, which all helped to make the meeting a real success.

MAPLE LEAF JUNIORS HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

There'll be a double-header in the local arena this Thursday night, Feb. 3rd. Newmarket will meet Stouffville in a scheduled Juvenile game at 8 p.m., while at 9 p.m. the Maple Leaf Junior 'B's, winners of nine straight games in the THL, will oppose the Stouffville AC community-league team.

Local Undertaker Loses Great Uncle

Herbert M. Asling who died in Toronto this week had a slight connection with Stouffville in that his mother was a Stouffville girl, resident of O'Brien avenue many years ago. Herbert was a brother of the late Wilnot Asling who lived west of Stouffville for some years owning the present Win Timbers home and acreage in Markham. Herbert Asling who was in the brokerage business in Toronto was a great uncle to Mr. L. E. O'Neill of this town, but while he had these ties with Stouffville Mr. Asling never lived here and of course was little known to our residents.

Mrs. Parker Follows Husband to Grave

Just two months and ten days after the death of her husband Mrs. Walter D. Parker died in Stouffville on Sunday following a long period of declining health. Since the passing of her husband, she expressed the hope that she would soon follow him into the Great Beyond. Mrs. Parker was in her 75th year.

The funeral took place from the late residence on north Church street Tuesday at 1.30 proceeding by motor to Hatley where service was held Wednesday and burial made in the family plot there.

Mrs. Parker's maiden name was Jane E. Kathan, born in Shefford County, Quebec, of U.E.L. stock. Following her marriage to M. Parker the couple farmed in Quebec and in 1923 moved to Pickering Township, then retired to Stouffville in 1941. Mrs. Parker was interested in church work during her active days, and was a member of Altona Women's Institute where her assistance was greatly appreciated.

Surviving besides an only daughter Mrs. Robt. Bone of Stouffville are five sons, Glennes of Boston, Merton, Orville, Clayton, Toronto, and Lawrence of Montreal.

Temperance Rally in Stouffville Wed., Feb. 9

The North Branch of the Ontario Temperance Federation will hold a rally in the Stouffville United Church next Wednesday, Feb. 9th, at 8 o'clock in the evening. This is one of a series of meetings in an educational campaign designed to safeguard the public, and strengthen youth against the evil effects of liquor traffic.

The speaker on Wednesday will be Mr. Royal Moulton, field secretary of the Ontario Temperance Federation. In addition there will be sound films, and special music by the Baker Hill Double Trio.

The Federation feel that the big problem is the increased opportunities for purchase of alcoholic beverages. Alcoholism is not only a serious medical and moral problem, but also a serious social and public health problem. Young people and their friends in this area, and in all of North York are invited to attend, and to make February a month to study this alcohol problem.

Sentenced to 10 Months

Earl Hopkins, 27-year-old Uxbridge Township farmer was sentenced to ten months in jail, on a charge of unlawful wounding, in court at Whitby, noon, on Wednesday. Hopkins was charged in connection with the shooting of his brother Marlin, in a house near the Brock Rd., in Uxbridge Twp. A charge of attempted murder had been reduced to wounding.

Whitchurch Township Office is Robbed, Thieves Still at Large

No clue to the identity of the thieves who broke into the Whitchurch Township office at Vandorf on Wednesday night last week, and made off with petty cash belonging to the ratepayers of some \$200, plus a heavy-carriage typewriter, electric adding machine.

Police Chief Ronald Watts is reported to have said there were three in the gang. They stopped their car right on the highway in front of the office on the 4th concession of the township, and walked across the 30 or 40 feet through the snow, broke a window in the west and north corner, and made entry.

After unsuccessfully attempting to open the vault, breaking off the handle, they finally made entry to the vault by means of a small rear window, which strangely was made large enough to allow a medium built man to crawl through. Smashing the galls in the vault window the thieves forced off the iron bars and the rest was easy.

Clerk John Crawford had to gain entrance this way next day in order to recover township books necessary to carry on the work of the municipality, in the interim of getting the safe door open without the aid of the handle.

A revolver was also taken from the office, and so far neither it or the machines taken have been traced. The township office is very small and inadequate for the needs of the municipality, while the vault is smaller than any in municipalities half the size of Whitchurch. The existence of a window large enough to admit a man will likely be immediately remedied, but general enlargement of the building may have to have more consideration. It became almost an election issue when all members of council admitted that the place was inadequate for the municipality the size of Whitchurch.

BIG TIRE SALE NOW ON

Jack Brignall's big tire clearance sale opened this week in Claremont. Mr. Brignall is offering 15% off the price of all Atlas tires, a substantial saving if you're in need of new rubber.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hisey announce the engagement of their daughter Lorraine to Keith Steckley, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Steckley; the marriage to take place quietly the latter part of February.

Sunday School is Facing Expansion Meeting Reveals

Rev. D. Davis Granted Two Months Holidays to Visit the Old Country

The annual meeting of the Stouffville United Church reviewing the work of the past year was challenged with the inadequacy of the facilities of their building. This is accentuated by the growing Sunday School and the many organizations that are handicapped by the lack of suitable room, and accommodation. "Surely," said Rev. D. Davis, pastor, we are in better circumstances to tackle this extension program than were our parents who financed the original building program. Slogan for 1949 is therefore "preparation for expansion to do better work." This church has a constituency of 340 United Church families. During 1948 the pastor conducted 23 funerals, 17 baptisms, 15 weddings. Twenty-six new members were added to the church roll.

The church treasurer reported a budget of \$7,672 raised for local purposes and \$1,536 for the Missionary Fund. To this should be added \$452 raised by the W.M.S. and \$398 by the Garrett Evening Auxiliary. These two groups also packed two bales of new and used clothing for the mission fields, valued at \$1,024. The Woman's Association have had an active year, having raised \$528. Their special endeavour was the modernizing of the parsonage kitchen, of which they can be justly proud. The Sunday School is the greatest challenge with a nursery department overflowing into every

Explosion Blows Off Two Fingers and Thumb

Finding what appeared to be an old cartridge that had been exploded, Marlin Grove, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Grove, 8th concession, Markham, struck the object with a hammer, when it exploded and blew two fingers and a thumb to threads. He was rushed to Toronto East General Hospital, where amputation of the damaged fingers and thumb was completed.

Merlin found an object in the barn which he thought was an old cartridge, but which turned out to be a piece of dynamite. Feeling sure the supposed cartridge had been exploded, he cracked the end of it with a hammer when the explosion followed.

Funeral for Mrs. James Riddle to Locust Hill

Mrs. James Riddle, resident on the 7th concession of Pickering Township for 30 years, died in the hospital at Stouffville on Tuesday evening in her 71st year.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Gordon and Fred, and one sister Mrs. Roy Raymer. Mrs. Riddle was the former Mary Ellen Wolfe, her father being of Irish nationality and her mother was born in the U.S.A. Following her marriage to Mr. Riddle the couple settled in her native township of Pickering, and a few years ago retired to Box Grove.

The funeral will be from the funeral home of R. G. Clendening, Markham, this Thursday afternoon

CLIPPERS TRIM BELL SENIORS 7-3

Stouffville Clippers trimmed Toronto Bells 7-3, on Tuesday night, in the Richmond Hill arena, in a scheduled league game. Scores for Stouffville were, Les Clarke with two, Campbell, Crewson, Jack Rummey, Smith and Legge each one. Only three penalties were suffered by the Clippers. Markham won over Peterboro, Petes on Monday night by the score of 4-2, with their top line of Milroy, Brennan and Singleton featuring in the scoring.

Fred Schelke Passes Was Noted Horseman

Fred Schelke of Gormley, veteran horse trainer who bred and raced Shepperton, one of the outstanding Canadian-breds, died on Friday in St. Joseph's Hospital following a six weeks' illness.

In the passing of Schelke, American racing lost an outstanding horseman who trained and raced horses in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Cuba for half a century.

Early last December Schelke took ill on his Gormley farm. He had not enjoyed the best of health for the past three years. Twelve days ago he suffered a heart attack and was transferred from the farm to the hospital. He suffered a bad turn on Thursday and Friday died from a coronary thrombosis.

Born in Brookburg, near Madison, Indiana, Schelke's love for thoroughbred horses brought him to the racing industry when very young. His keen knowledge of horses was shortly recognized and he was engaged as trainer for one of the leading stables across the border.

His first trip to Canada was to Woodbine Park when he was training the stable of the late Capt. P. M. Walker.

Most of the training and racing of his own horses by Schelke centred around the Maryland tracks. He trained a division of the J. K. L. Ross string, and was for years with H. Guy Bedwell, H. Grabner of Chicago, the late H. C. Hatch, Henry Dirks and R. W. R. Cowie were among the racing stables with which he was identified in his long career.

Late last fall, Schelke sold Shepperton, and 16 other head are on stand in stud on the London Farm. At present, Sun Craig, sire of Shepperton, and other 16 head are on the Gormley farm. Schelke considered Chicago, a horse he trained, as the best horse he ever handled.

Schelke at one point was offered close to \$30,000 for Shepperton but refused to sell. Instead, he took the big chestnut to New Jersey to try him at some of the better American-breds. Shepperton suffered a knee injury and never again raced in his best form.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mabel Costella, and one daughter, Mary. Funeral service was held Monday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church, Toronto.

Crucial Double-Header Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday night's community hockey league double-header will be an important one. Pine Orchard and Uxbridge, now tied for the bottom rung in the standing will meet in the first game, while Stouffville and Brougham will square off in the second half of the twin bill. The latter two are all tied up on the top of the standing. This Tuesday night, Brougham downed Uxbridge 7-4, while Stouffville trimmed Pine Orchard 5-3.

Attractive Westend Bungalow is Sold

The beautiful west end bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Salmon was sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sisson, at present residing in Richmond Hill. Mr. Sisson is a retired electrical engineer, formerly associated with the General Electric Co. The residence was built about 20 years ago by the late Wm. Cook, and later it was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brillinger.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sisson are originally from Peterboro, and by a very pleasant coincidence will be close neighbours to their old acquaintances, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner, also from Peterboro, who are locating in Stouffville in the near future.

Stouffville will keenly regret the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Salmon who plan to move to Australia within the year. Mr. Salmon has been an accountant with Silver Bros. for 15 years employed at the Unionville office.

Sales to discontinue this week-end. This store will also be closed from Feb. 7th to Feb. 12th. Mrs. Watts.

Found Guilty on a Charge Of Wounding his Brother

The Supreme Court Jury late Wednesday night at Whitby acquitted Earl Hopkins, 27-year-old Uxbridge farmer on a charge of attempting to murder his brother, Marlin, 32, but found him guilty of lesser count of "wounding."

The exact wording of the verdict, returned after the jury had been out for seven hours and twenty minutes, was: "That Earl Hopkins did shoot and wound Marlin Hopkins without intent, thereby causing bodily harm."

Mr. Justice Smily commented: "I think the indictment should be endorsed as 'unlawful wounding.'" He said he would sentence Hopkins on Feb. 2.

His older brother, Marlin, 32, received serious injuries on the night of Nov. 25 from a shotgun blast fired through the window of a cottage owned by George Matthews, a neighbor. Evidence adduced at the trial showed a drinking party had been in progress and that Earl had left earlier in the evening. In a statement given police the accused man had said, "I shot, but I didn't mean to shoot right at him."

No definite motive was established throughout the trial.

In charging the jury, Mr. Justice Smily observed that there appeared to be no doubt that Earl discharged the shotgun. "It is suggested he was so drunk he didn't know what he was doing. The fact of drinking does not excuse a man unless the evidence shows he was so incapacitated as to be unable to form the intent for a criminal act."

"I don't think the defense suggests he was insane. That would have to be proved by him and unless it is, he is to be presumed sane."

During the trial members of the Hopkins family, including Earl's widowed mother, testified the accused man had been "acting strangely" ever since his return from a western harvesting trip with Marlin last summer.

The judge stated that alternate counts, on which the jury might convict Hopkins were "shooting with intent to maim, wounding, or assault causing actual bodily harm."

The jury retired at 3.30 p.m. and was recalled three times for further instructions, on the first two occasions due to representations made by counsel on points of law and on the third by the judge, who wished to give them further instructions on the alternate counts. At their own request the jurymen returned at 6 o'clock to ask the bench: "Is the statement given police by Hopkins sufficient evidence alone for the jury to arrive at a decision, or, this being a confession from the accused, should further evidence be produced by the Crown?"

Mr. Justice Smily replied that the statement did not constitute a confession, "but must be taken in account along with all the other evidence."

Argument over the admissibility of a statement made by accused to police occupied a whole morning session.

During the arguments submitted (continued on page three)