

Farm Family Escape in Only Night Attire as Home Burns

Barely able to get out of their burning home with their three children, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wideman, and his father, Henry Wideman, townline residents east of Stouffville, were forced out about five o'clock Wednesday morning, when they discovered the whole house aflame. The red brick structure was doomed before anyone was aware the place was afire, said Mr. Wideman.

Fire apparently started from an unknown cause in the rear kitchen, a frame structure filled with wood. Mrs. Wideman had been up about four o'clock and everything appeared all right at that time. When next awakened the house was filled with smoke and flames were crackling around. They barely had time to grab up their three small children, throw a few clothes out the window and escape. Henry Wideman, father of Arthur, suffered burns to his feet before he escaped.

Farmer Encounters Wild Cat Near Vivian School

Working in a potato field on the Vivian sideroad opposite the school house there, Carl Wideman was startled by the unexpected appearance of a wild cat within thirty feet of his horses and wagon. Carl was staying on the wagon, and having no shooting arms, he just looked. The cat, yellowish in color, did not appear the least concerned at the presence of the man and horses, and ambled off into the bush on the old McCormack property.

The fact that the wild cat would come from under cover in such a daring manner, leads residents in the district to believe that the animal has been around for considerable time, and is more or less accustomed to human beings. It is suggested that the Whitechurch Wild Life Conservation Club might well organize a hunt for one of these weekends in an effort to track down the wild beast, since it is in a neighborhood where children pass daily to and from school.

Fred Clubine Graduates In Chiropractics

Among the seventy-four who graduated from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto on May 20 was Fred Clubine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton Clubine living west of Stouffville on the townline.

The graduation ceremony was held in Eaton Auditorium and was attended by some 1200 people. Dr. R. O. Muller conferred the degree of Doctor of Chiropractic upon each graduate and was assisted by Dr. J. A. Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Clubine attended their son's graduation and had tea with the graduates in the Round Room.

Town Resident Called To Receive \$135

Don Burrows, resident of Stouffville R.R.3, is quite happy about his good fortune since he won the Photo-Nite contest at the Stanley on Thursday evening, and is the richer by some \$135 cash. The formal presentation will be made to him next Thursday evening at the show. Don is employed at D. Holden & Sons.

Final Meeting on Arena Before Work Commences

The final meeting of the prospective shareholders of the Stouffville Arena Co. will be held this Thursday evening, prior to work commencing on the project. The company charter has been received and will be presented at this meeting.

There has been some delay in the organization due to new legislation just in force regarding the formation of joint stock companies. However, most of the long legal procedure has now been dealt with by the directors through their solicitor F. L. Button, only a few points remain to be ratified by the gathering on Thursday.

Public School to Be Over-Crowded

A recent survey indicates that there will be some 33 beginners at Stouffville public school after the summer holidays and the trustee board are giving much thought to just how they are to be accommodated. Of course there, will be an entrance class passing out, but notwithstanding, it is feared an extra room will have to be found.

At present there are 27 attending public school from outside the section, and the trustees would loathe to refuse them the privilege of attending the town school. Even if this step were resorted to many of them would be in classes not crowded and it would not help the situation in the lower classes much, it is pointed out.

Local Man Honored by Lions



Fred Campbell, secretary of the Stouffville Lions Club, has been honoured by Lions of Zone 18, District A-3, Lions International, who elected him Deputy District Governor at the zone election held in Thornhill last week. Lion Fred Campbell has the distinction of being the first man in the local Club to be so honored.

Valuable Animal Thrown from Truck

Returning from Richmond Hill fair on Tuesday night with a load of horses for Vincent Baker, the truck driver was forced to bring the vehicle to an abrupt stop on Main Street here when a car turned into his path unexpectedly and without warning. The lurch threw the heavy horses against the rack with such force, that one Clyde mare was thrown out of the truck, sustaining a bad gash on the thigh right down the leg to the fetlock.

In the excitement the owner of the car which wrongfully pulled into the line of traffic, made off while the truck driver was occupied with the plunging animals. The injured mare was a prize animal at both the Royal and C.N.E. last year, and was the lead horse in the six-in-hand team.

Stolen Car Recovered At Musselman's

A car belonging to Ray Ormston, Unionville, stolen from Main St., Markham, on Saturday evening, was recovered shortly after supper by Constable Rusnell of Stouffville, at Musselman's Lake.

Mr. Ormston had only left his car for a few moments, when several young lads hitch-hiking to the lake got in and drove away. The car, with keys missing, was discovered in the Cedar Beach Parking lot, but no trace of the thieves.

Decision of United States Congress Has Bearing on Local Development

Real disappointment may justly be felt all over Ontario and especially in this local district close to Toronto because it is now clear that there will be no action at Washington this year on the big joint seaway plan between United States and Canada. The St. Lawrence Seaway bill before Congress has no chance of passing this year. No place would benefit more directly than the Stouffville district. Terrific big employment provided at the docks with sea-going freighters coming to our very door for unloading, and great additional demand for farm produce by reason of the thousands of extra employees at the docks, all would enhance the value of the local district. Unfortunately, big U.S. interests do not want the development and Montreal does not like it naturally, although the Dominion government appears to be giving the scheme all the boost they can.

and difficulties—mostly arising out of the involved arrangements under which Canada and the U.S. are presently combined to undertake the combined power-seaway scheme.

Under the joint plan agreed to by both countries in 1941, Canada was to have been reimbursed by the U.S. for her share in having built the Welland Canal. If this plan is abandoned, and a separate power scheme is undertaken, the chances of Canada getting such compensation are at best slim. This means a considerable dollar difference to the Federal Government and quite probably to Ontario. It makes both parties reluctant to present any ultimatum to Washington. Of course, Washington may veto a purely power development if this is proposed by Canadians.

With the chances passing of getting joint action the two big questions now up for decision in Canada are these:

Study Present Costs
In any event, joint studies are now proceeding by both Ontario and the Federal Government as to just what the real costs of development might be in the International Section under present-day conditions. It's unlikely that any official representations will be made to Washington until these studies are complete. Even then, nothing may be done before June 27. By that time, the situation in Washington may be more positive; though it's taken for granted now that there won't be any action—certainly no favorable action on the Seaway this term.

Hoodlums Not Tolerated At Musselman's Lake

Answering an appeal for help from Elmer Wells, a Whitechurch Township police, Constable Ira Rusnell turned out at 12 midnight Saturday to assist in helping deal with a group of city teen-agers at Musselman's Lake. When the village cop reached the scene on the Montgomery farm, other officers had not arrived, but did reach the place in a few minutes. The gang sleeping in the barn had torn off the doors, but all submitted to arrest without too much of a scene.

the night in jail. Then each went to his or her city home. Constable Ron Watts and County Constable Kidd and others were on hand to make the arrests and the township constable took charge of the case. The youthful gang said they expected to meet up with another city gang over the weekend for battle, all of which sounds as though too many of the teen-agers in the city belong to the dark ages, or were they as crazy back in the days of the Indian trail, one county official asked. Another wondered how parents had lost such complete control, that they could not have their children at home over night.

New Municipal Office Envisioned for Markham Tp.

Immediate attention to problems such as assessment and planning, in order to avoid heavy and unnecessary expenses and "messes" in the future was urged upon Markham Township Council by Reeve Vern Griffin at the last regular meeting.

unless immediate steps were taken the growth of population in the township would create conditions which it would be both costly, and difficult to remedy in a few years. Property Purchase Urged
Immediate action leading to the acquisition of property for township purposes was urged by the reeve, who pointed out that the rapidly increasing values of land would force extra expenditures on the township in the future unless action was taken at once to provide a site for future township buildings. Reeve Griffin envisioned a municipal building located "somewhere on No. 7 highway" where persons could find it, instead of the present location back of the main line of travel and which one would never spot as a municipal building. He suggested that by looking ahead while Markham grows by leaps and bounds money could be saved and the day would come when the municipal set-up would be in keeping with the really big municipal business now developing.

Conner Farm Purchased By Ross Winterstein

The Ralph Conner farm of over a hundred acres located at Gravel Hill, north of town, has been sold to Mr. Ross Winterstein of Stouffville, who is head of Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co. Mr. Winterstein intends to ranch the land at present, and already has a herd of young cattle ranging over the acreage.

SELLS AND BUYS AGAIN
Former local man, Mr. Frank A. Bruels now of 14 Servington Crescent, Toronto, only recently sold Anchor Villa, Thunder Bay Beach, on Georgian Bay, and last week bought it back from the purchaser who changed his mind when the time came for opening the popular resort again this season. Anchor Villa is a high class summer hotel with rates running from \$40 to \$50 weekly, depending on cabins and the size of parties. Mr. Bruels intends to operate the place himself again this season. Anchor Villa is about 75 miles north from Stouffville.
Our east end citizen of many years standing Mr. Jim Brown was stricken with a stroke on Monday and lies in a critical condition.

CROWN MARKHAM MAY QUEEN



Whistles and smiles of these boys are for Jocelyn Smith,

Markham High school, just chosen Queen of the May. The

boys are Bob Shank, Jim Thomas, Lynn Reesor, Lorne Timbers, Bud Watson. The

crowning took place at a dance held in the school auditorium as an annual event.

Tri-County League opens here Monday night with Sutton.