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MARKHAM NEXT ON HYDRO CHANGEOVER

Most of Township Now Inventoried Spokesman Says

The big frequency changeover in Scarborough from 25 to 60-cycle power will start Oct. 1, and it is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, the Scarborough Mail reported last week.

"Almost all of Scarborough has been inventoried," a spokesman said. "There are a few isolated sections and homes which have not yet been contacted, but this is usually because the householders were not available when the inventory teams called. These homes have been checked, and will be contacted again before the actual changes are made."

The source explained that the changeover will be made in small sections, with transformers changed over one at a time, and all houses served by each transformer changed at the same time.

"Scarboro will be the first complete section to be changed over from the old to the new frequency," the source said. "East York has been changed in small areas and others are being changed. But these alterations are being made on an experimental basis. The experience gained will be put to use in the major work being done in Scarborough."

The spokesman said that although the changeover from 25 to 60-cycle had started in East York first, East York will not be completely changed over until considerably after Scarborough's frequency has been entirely changed.

"Markham Township now is being toured by the inventory crews, but it is not intended to start the changeover in Markham until after Scarborough has been completed," the source said.

Train Kills Toronto Man

Struck by a slow-moving freight train as he crossed the track at Pefferlaw, about 10 miles east of Sutton, James Shipley, 40, of Jarvis St., Toronto, died of multiple injuries in Orillia hospital on Friday.

Shipley had been working as a cook for a construction gang making repairs to the track. He was seen walking alongside of the main line shortly before he was struck by the locomotive. The train was halted immediately.

A member of the track-gang said Shipley must have thought he could cross the track in front of the train and misjudged its speed.

HEISE HILL CHURCH FOLK TAKE BOAT TRIP

About sixty persons from Heise Hill Church in Markham enjoyed a boat trip to Queenston on Monday evening. They rendered several musical numbers for the people on board, and the outing was much enjoyed.

Edgar Starr Buried in Native Whitchurch

Edgar Douglas Starr, son of the late Robert A. Starr and Ada Heacock, died suddenly in Parry Sound district, and was brought to Pine Orchard cemetery, Whitchurch, for burial. The deceased was of pioneer stock, his great great grandfather on his father's side settling in Whitchurch township in 1804. His great great grandfather on his mother's side came to Canada sometime before 1800, living near St. Catharines for a short time. In 1804 they purchased land in King Township which was then completely bush, being lot 26 and 27 in the 3rd concession of King.

The deceased was born at Pine Orchard and lived there until he joined the armed forces in war 1914-1918. Shortly before going overseas, he and his mother and sister moved to Newmarket. After returning from overseas Edgar Starr worked for the hydro for a number of years. Some of the places where the deceased worked were Nipigon, Welland, Ottawa, Arnprior, Campbellford, Smith's Falls, Mountain View, Uchi. At the latter place, there were no roads in 1939, so they did all their travelling by plane. His interests were fishing and hunting and he loved the great open spaces of the north country.

The deceased was a member of the Newmarket Veterans' Association and was also a member of the Whitchurch Conservation Club. He had been in poor health since 1942 when he had a fall at the plant in Newmarket. He also lost the sight of one eye at the same time. He leaves to mourn his loss, a sister, Leonora Starr, at home, and a brother, Stuart W. Starr, of Toronto. Mrs. L. Merritt, sister of the deceased, passed away in 1941.

Plant That May Contain Cure For Arthritis



This ivy-like plant being grown in the New York botanical gardens may contain the ingredients from which a medicine can be made to relieve suffering from arthritis the world over. It is strophanthus preus, native to Africa, one of the botanical groups from which cortisone can be manufactured, which, doctors hope, on the basis of their experiments, can cure, or relieve, rheumatic fever and arthritis. Cortisone formerly was obtained from glands of saddle at prohibitive cost.

Sunday Night Smash Piles Up Cars

On Sunday evening a truck stopped on the highway between Stouffville and Ringwood at about 9 o'clock when the engine went dead. It was raining and the pavement was wet, and before many minutes several other cars were in the pile-up. Mr. Percy Steckley was proceeding to Toronto and was barely able to stop as he approached the truck. However, in a mere flash another car piled into Mr. Steckley and still another. Markham police were called and laid a charge against the truck driver, a Toronto man. When the truck engine failed the driver had no flare lights and had no lights whatever on the truck. One of the occupants of the truck was waving his arms frantically at oncoming cars.

York County Chief Resigns To Give His Whole Time to Business

Chief of the York County Police Force, George Stewart, 54 years of age, has resigned his police job and will follow his hotel interests, it is reported. Sgt. (Monty) Shadwick has been appointed acting chief by the Police Commission.

Chief Stewart joined the force in 1920 and was promoted to detective-sergeant and then chief. His conduct as chief has many times been the subject of animated debate, and last year when he figured in a motor crash and was charged with dangerous driving, county council was definitely critical of what many members said was "white-wash" in a report given out by the committee when he was reinstated and held more or less blameless.

As a result of the tension that existed in York County Council, no effort was made to install a radio system for the police force, which is badly handicapped without this modern weapon.

With Chief Stewart moving off the scene it is hoped in county circles that with a new chief conducting the service as the councillors would like it, a better feeling will exist and improvements made that will bring the county force abreast of conditions.

Who will succeed Chief Stewart? Constable Kidd has been mentioned but he may be regarded as lacking experience although he has been on the force eight years. The guess of some is that an outside man will be brought in. The appointment will not fall to the lot of county council, but will be made by the Police Commission.

FUN-FILED MATINEES

Beginning Saturday, Sept. 3rd, there'll be a children's matinee at the Stanley Theatre each Saturday at 2 p.m. Special matinee will be three cartoons just for the kiddies. Admission will be 15c for children and 30c for adults.

BIG FALL CLEARANCE AT STOUFFVILLE RADIO ELECTRIC

That promised September sale of radios, electric washers, and other household appliances gets underway at Stouffville. Radio Electric this week. It will pay you to read the large display advertisement on page six of this issue. There are some really choice savings.

Wife of Late Dr. Albert Mitchell Died in Vancouver

Many friends here who had the pleasure of her acquaintance will regret to learn of the death in Vancouver of Mrs. Mitchell, wife of the late Dr. Albert Mitchell, native of Ringwood. She passed away on Saturday, Aug. 27. Mrs. Mitchell was a talented person, and her gracious manner always impressed those who knew her. Prominent worker in the United Church of Canada she took very active interest in the W.M.S. and came to Toronto from Vancouver on several occasions as representative from the province on the Dominion Board.

Dr. Mitchell died about eight years ago, and a son Dr. Harold Mitchell passed away in England in 1944, where he held an important position at Liverpool after serving in the first war. Surviving the mother are one son Murray, and one daughter (Ruth) Mrs. Alex. McCallum.

Mr. Clarence E. Hastings of Toronto called at the S. W. Hastings home on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy Mahaffy of Chicago, Ill. are visitors this week with Miss Waters and Mrs. W. H. Shaw.

PEACHES IN STOUFFVILLE

A peach tree owned by Mrs. Carmen Morris, Church St. S., has yielded over three six-quart baskets of fruit this year. The peaches are fine, large sample, one tipping the scales at half a pound.

Markham Spring Dry First Time in Hundred Years

What truck driver who passes up and down the 8th concession of Markham on his daily rounds does not know about and has not drawn a refreshing draught from the cooling spring on the Jos. Reesor farm two and a half miles south of Ringwood? Today the old spring ceases to give forth its sparkling cool water that has quenched the thirst of thousands over the last century.

Back in the horse and buggy days, weary travellers pulled up for refreshment in preference to buying the wares of the wayside inn, and in recent years the truck drivers made use of the spring to quench their thirst during the heat of the day, or the cool of the evening. Indeed, Reesor's spring rendered a popular and worthwhile service. Temporarily, at least, business is suspended at the spring for the water that flowed there unceasingly for at least a hundred years, is now stopped and inactive.

"I think it would be safe to say that the spring has never failed before in a hundred years," said Mr. Joe Reesor, "and who knows it may never have failed since the days of the Indian trail." One thing that is known is that Mr. Reesor's mother who lives on the homestead with her son, and who is now in her 89th year, declares this is the first time the spring ever dried up in her lifetime.

Another observer calls attention to the fact that whereupon this is one of the worst years for drought recorded in the last fifty, and at a time when the country has been

Peach Belt Moving North

A news item in The Tribune last week arrested the attention of Mr. L. B. Heise, west of Victoria Square when it reported a resident of Stouffville had picked an eleven quart basket of peaches from one tree.

Mr. Heise has peach trees on his attractive farm there in one of Markham's choice sections, and one of these trees in the orchard produced nine six-quart baskets this year. The fruit was not quite as large, but fully equal to flavor of the Niagara varieties.

Several limbs broke down under the weight of the fruit, Mr. Heise reports, and as this happened before the fruit was matured, it naturally reduced the yield.

This is the third year this tree on the Heise farm has produced an equal amount of fruit. The tree came up from a pit and is of the Crawford variety. Other trees, he says, are coming into bearing.

Local Flower Society Wins at C.N.E.

Stouffville Horticultural Society won an outstanding prize at the Canadian National Exhibition again this year. They were awarded first prize for a large basket of seasonable garden flowers, which was to have an overall size of two feet by three feet. The competition was open to a wide field or any horticultural society.

Entries have been sent in for four baskets to be placed and ready for judging by 9 a.m. on each Monday and Thursday of the show. These exhibits are found in the west wing of the Horticultural Building.

It is not entirely new for the local society to walk off with a prize or two at the C.N.E., and it goes to prove that the local organization or its enthusiastic members and officers have more than a passing interest in the beauty of nature in the floral field.

Artificial Ice Work Starting This Week

Linde Canadian Refrigeration Co. is beginning work this week of installing the artificial ice machinery in the new Stouffville Arena. The piping, nearly 35,000 feet of it, was delivered direct from the manufacturers last week.

The laying of the pipe will require some ten days to complete. Each length is laid on the timbers embedded in the sand floor. They are welded together, clipped to the wood, and joined to a large feeder pipe at the east end, where valves will control each section in case of leakage. The Company's contract calls for the ice to be ready the first week of October, and some night work may be necessary to complete the job in time.

Boy Falls Only 30 Inches From Tractor Seat, But is Almost Instantly Killed

Although he fell only 30 inches Gordon Robert Kirk was almost instantly killed when he fell from the tractor seat on the farm of his uncle William Paisley, 6th concession Whitchurch last Thursday late afternoon. Only 12 years of age the unfortunate lad was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Kirk, and



Gordon Kirk

besides his parents is survived by two sisters, Grace aged 10 years and Florence 8 years.

The lad had always looked forward to spending his summer holidays on the farm of his uncle, Mr. Paisley, since his home was in Toronto, the family living at No. 70 Benson Avenue. This summer was no exception and young Gordon had been on the farm for several weeks. This Thursday afternoon he was riding with David Paisley on the tractor and as they neared the barn travelling along the smooth laneway, David looked around to see Gordon lying in a heap. He had just tumbled off, made no exclamation whatever. Picked up he was unconscious and medical aid was quickly sought.

Falling to find a doctor in Stouffville, one was secured at Richmond Hill, and when the doctor arrived and found the boy dead he summoned Coroner Dr. Wilson of Aurora. The lad had suffered a fractured skull from the apparent innocent fall. Nothing could be done to save the young life.

The lad's uncle is strongly of the opinion that the lad suffered a weak spell which caused him to fall from the machine. No wheels passed over him, and the tractor was drawing no implement behind. The theory that the boy may have taken a seizure of some kind is borne out by reason that there was really no cause for him to fall. The going was smooth, and the distance from the ground so short that he might easily have put out a hand and softened the tumble, but if he was stricken he could not have made any effort to save himself. This permitted him to fall on his head in such a manner as to cause a fracture.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon took place from the home of the lad's grandmother, Mrs. Jos. Kirk, 8th concession, Markham, and proceeded to Peach's cemetery for interment. Members of the Boy Scout Club in Toronto where Gordon belonged acted as pall bearers, and Rev. Gibson Brown conducted the service, assisted by Rev. R. T. Chapin and Rev. Mr. Charleton of Toronto.

The whole countryside, it seemed, turned out to offer their sympathy to the parents, the grandmother, to Mr. and Mrs. Paisley and other relatives in this unusual and simple accident which proved to have such fatal consequences.

Many Motorists "Bagged" Speeding Through the Square

A bulky list of speeders were summoned to court last week for exceeding the speed limit travelling through Victoria Square on the 4th concession of Markham. York County officers set up a speed trap because reports indicated that this well kept highway was being turned into a speedway for motorists.

Most of those summoned settled out of court, and fines ranging up to \$30 and costs were imposed, according to their excessive speed. The bulk of those who settled were assessed \$25 and costs.

This should be a warning to motorists to respect the speed limit on country highways. Racing through hamlets at 60 and 70 miles an hour is dangerous business, and costly too as many learned on this occasion.

Mrs. Stan. Hastings has returned from a holiday spent with her sisters, Mrs. V. H. Dennis and Miss Lora Harvey at a cottage on Lake of Bays, near Baysville, Muskoka.

Marks 90 Years With A Smile

Friends were pouring in congratulations on Mrs. S. M. Warriner last Thursday on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Warriner is very active and enjoys a car ride just the same as the younger set.

One of the town's longest standing residents Mrs. Warriner spent a happy birthday, surrounded by her two daughters, Mrs. Totten and Mrs. Fleury. Son Dr. S. M. Warriner of Winnipeg has already visited his mother this summer and son Harold, of course, lives right in Stouffville. Mrs. Warriner with her husband settled in town back in 1881, (sixty-eight years ago) when Sam W. Warriner first hung up his shingle as a town merchant. He was a leading merchant too, but passed away around the turn of the century, and Mrs. Warriner still occupies the home they established on Church Street when they first entered business here.

FARM SOLD AGAIN

The Gurney Brooks farm at Mount Albert recently sold to Berton Tindall of Goodwood has just been resold by Tindall to John F. Dean of Markham Township. Once more the deal was completed by George Alliston, Stouffville realtor. When Mr. Tindall acquired the 100 acre Brooks farm in August it was being offered at \$21,000, but may have sold for something less. The place has attractive buildings and modern home in a rich farming area.

12 Cars Pile Into Each Other When One Stops At Foot of Hill

When a car stopped at the foot of Green River hill during the driving rain late Sunday, 12 cars following in line piled into each other and tied up traffic for over an hour, Provincial Constable Victor Proctor of Unionville said.

Constable Clarence Wideman of Markham Township Police, one of the drivers involved, said he was driving home and as he came down the hill east of Green River, about four miles from Markham, he saw the driver ahead of him slam on his brakes and skid into a car ahead.

"I managed to get stopped but it didn't do me any good because a car following me slammed into my back fender and drove my car into the car in front," he said.

"When I got out of the car I looked back and saw car after car slide into the rear of the car immediately in front. As the line of smashed cars grew longer the crashes became louder because the cars breaking over the hill didn't have time to slow down," he said.

He said several of the cars were severely damaged and only a few were able to leave the scene under their own power. "I looked back and saw one woman get out of a car with blood streaming from her face," he said.

Constable Wideman said the line of traffic was moving about 25 miles an hour when the collision occurred. "I had slowed down because a sudden gust of rain swept across my windshield."



Rev. Caleb Harris of Toronto was active in the strong opposition to more liquor outlets in Toronto. Mr. Harris was the Baptist Church pastor at Uxbridge and Goodwood some 35 years ago, and since then has filled some large and important pastorates.