

Two World Record Holsteins at Markham Show

A most unusual feature of the York County Black and White Day held September 30 in connection with Markham Fair was the showing of two World Record cows in one class. These were Roeland Rag Apple Daisy and Roeland Rag Apple Lilly who stood seventh and second respectively in the class for Aged Cows in milk. "Lilly" is the World Champion in the Junior two-year-old class of 305 day division on twice-a-day milking with 827 lbs. fat from 18,593 lbs. milk. "Daisy" has recently completed a record of approximately 841 lbs. fat from 18,727 lbs. milk which, when officially reported is expected to establish a new mark in the Senior four-year-old class of the 305 day division on twice-a-day milking. The pair are full sisters owned by J. W. Greenwood, Maple.

The outstanding class of the show was that for Dry Aged Cows with 17 entries crowding the ring. It was here that Judge James R. Henderson, Kingston, found his Grand and Reserve Grand Champion females, the Grand being Segis Ray Apple Tensen owned by Thos. McGriskin, Agincourt, and the Reserve Grand Lonelm Texal Marie owned by George C. Jackson, Downsview. The latter was Grand Champion here a year ago. Lloyd Turner of Stouffville had five firsts and four seconds.

"Ninety and Nine" Headline Reacts Like Bomb Explosion

No sooner had last week's issue of The Tribune come off the press than the Toronto evening papers made front page news of The Tribune's "Ninety and Nine" article wherein we pointed out that there were, according to assessment figures just released, 99 widows and spinsters, and 99 widowers and bachelors in Stouffville.

The news spread like wildfire, demanding not only front page positions on the Toronto papers, but it reappeared in London, Kitchener and Oshawa, and probably in many other papers we did not see.

That is not all. The item was quoted over the radio, and on Tuesday it brought along a feature writer for a Toronto evening newspaper who sought to interview spinsters, bachelor, widow and widowers. Also The Tribune has received correspondence from a man in Toronto, and the town assessor likewise has an application from a Toronto widower seeking a wife who has musical ability.

Tuesday morning a taxi stopped at the office of this paper when a widower from Woodbridge stepped in to see the editor. He too had read and heard, and asked our help in getting him a wife. Strangely, he preferred a mate who had musical talent, didn't smoke in bed, and a good hand at cards. Incidentally, his deceased wife possessed these qualities.

MILK MAN ATTACKED IN EARLY GRAY DAWN

Stepping alongside a hedge to deliver milk at a home on Albert Street in the gray mist of early Tuesday morning Mr. Walter Brown was set upon so suddenly and unexpectedly that he had no opportunity to offer any defence, and when the frightened little animal that the milkman startled aimed his wares at Walter the battle was over, and the milkman retired without offering battle.

Fortunately for the deliveryman the skunk was fairly off the mark, and could only claim a 30 per cent decision, but that was bad enough said Mr. Brown.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gillman, Brougham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Mary, to Harry Malcolm Spang, Spang, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Spang of Claremont; marriage to take place later in October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sider, Stouffville, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Agnes Marion, to Charles Murray Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bennett, Gormley. The marriage will take place on Saturday, October 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the United Missionary Church, Dickson's Hill.

Lions Give Away Car Monday Night

Next Monday evening, (Thanksgiving), Stouffville Lions Club will hold a big dance and bingo in the Veterans' Memorial Hall here, at which time, the holder of the lucky admission ticket will receive a smart new Pontiac car, the model of their own choice.

Tickets for the event are on sale at a number of the business places, including The Tribune office.

Net proceeds from the ticket sale will go towards the welfare work of the local Lions Club, including their betterment program in the town park, and assistance for the new artificial ice arena.

Pensions for Markham Twp. Employees may be Live Issue

Markham Township council on Monday gave some encouragement to an insurance agent seeking to interest the council in a pension scheme for its employees said to number ten or twelve. Reeve Vern Griffin said that while he was sympathetic to the idea, the request must come from the employees, and he suggested to the agent that proper procedure was for the company to meet the employees of the township and sell their idea to them, then approach the council. Such pension schemes are financed by the workman paying so much, and the employer so much, generally a 50-50 basis.

The reeve said the police constables had a pension scheme now that did not involve the township. Councillor Fred Wicks with some vehemence declared, "we pay our employees good wages, and they can carry their own retiring allowance." Reeve Griffin said he didn't think the township should go on record that way, and Councillor Robt. Rae claimed that all progressive companies across Canada are paying on pension allowance for employees. "We should face the issue," said Councillor Rae.

Councillor Wicks said the big firms were paying on a pension scheme and if the workman quit, he lost his benefits. "That was just a scheme to hold the worker. We don't have to do that here."

Councillor Barber thought the scheme could be examined but reminded that the farmer who has to pay the taxes gets no pension.

The reeve brought the matter to a close when he told the agent there was nothing council could do at this stage, and that it was up to the company to gather the employees together and sell the scheme there. The agent assured the council he would certainly follow out the suggestion.

Deputy-Reeve Timbers didn't make any pronouncement on the issue as council moved to transact other business.

Former Mennonite Moderator, Rev. L. Burkholder Dead

After a lingering illness, Rev. L. J. Burkholder, 74, died at his home in Markham Township on Wednesday last week. A native of the Markham Township, and a former pastor on the Markham district, he recalled ministering to three churches and driving 12 miles with horse and buggy to reach his congregation.

He served the Ontario conference in various ways. He was moderator in the years 1914-1921, as well as assistant moderator of the Mennonite General Conference for 1929-1931. In his earlier years he served as an evangelist in various sections of Ontario and the United States.

He was the author of a brief history of the Mennonites of Ontario, and served as conference historian for many years.

Mr. Burkholder was born June 15, 1875, and was twice married. His first wife was Lucetta High, Vineland, Ont., and his second wife was Emma Meyer, Markham.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Alvin (Luella Mae) Reesor, and one son, Paul Herbert, both at home.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon from the late home east of Markham village at the 9th concession from No. 7 highway was attended by friends from other parts of the province who came to pay respect to one they had revered in life. The church auditorium overflowed and some found seats in the basement.

At the home Rev. Aaron Grove addressed the relatives and intimate friends and the family paid fitting tribute to the life of a man who had served his church loyally and was one of the pillars of the Mennonite group here in Ontario early in the century.

At the church Rev. S. S. Coffman and Rev. Oscar Burkholder were in charge, men who had worked through the years with the departed. In fact the deceased was a leading spirit when they came into active ministry. The pall bearers were six nephews, namely, Harvey, Leonard, John and Ira Burkholder, Peter Nighswander, and Carl Boadway.

In his book entitled "A Brief History of the Mennonites in Ontario," issued in 1935, L. J. Burkholder wrote regarding the Markham district:

"When the Waterloo immigrants found, in the early part of 1803, that their land titles were not valid, the settlement in that county was immediately halted. It was in that year that the first Pennsylvania Mennonites came to York County. Apparently families enroute to Waterloo were diverted to York County. Henry Wideman, a minister (continued on page 4)

Message from Chief On Fire Protection Week, October 9 - 15

Early this spring the Stouffville Fire Department was called to a cottage fire at Musselman's Lake. Twenty minutes had elapsed from the time the call came in until we arrived at the fire. Before we had the fire under control, six cottages and all their contents were burned to the ground. All because someone in one of the cottages had been careless.

Almost everyone sets aside a part of the year for rest and relaxation. Because a vacation is intended solely for pleasure it is easy for people to ignore the fundamental rules of fire safety. That's why fire spoils for many people the vacation that represents months or even years of waiting, planning and saving. In a matter of minutes an unexpected visit by fire inserts destruction and death in the place of enjoyment.

Do you live in an apartment, upstairs in a house or even in an attic? I would advise you to look around and see how you are going to get out in case of fire. Don't be left on the boat! Additional hazards are caused by overloading hydro, cooking with bottled gas, and some people even smoke in bed.

In some out of the way places where municipal fire protection isn't easily obtainable extra fire precautions should be taken, both in preventative measures with equipment for use until help can arrive. The Stouffville Fire Dept. has had twenty-five calls this year. We have fought grass fires, bush fires and large houses and great barns full of harvest have been reduced to ashes.

From this we realize that one of two alternatives must be practised. Either we must have a safety program that is infallible or we must prepare for the possibility of fire. Human nature being what it is the later idea is the more plausible. With the installation of portable fire equipment, almost immediate protection is available to safeguard your property.

The watchword of fire control is preparedness. Be prepared mechanically with sufficient fire fighting equipment; be prepared personally. Think and act quickly in emergencies. Work for safety and it will work for you.

Del Jennings, Fire Chief.

The turnover this fall season of some 3,400 baskets of peaches by Ratcliff & Co. grocery must have constituted a record even for this store which specializes in handling peaches, grapes, and other fall fruits through their direct connection with the growers of the Vineland-Bronte districts.

The peach crop this fall was one of the finest ever, free from the annoying pests that so often mar the fruit, despite all efforts of spray.

Ratcliff's Peaches Climb To High Figures

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Gormley Pastor And Wife Sail for Africa via New York

When Rev. L. K. Sider of Owen Sound was appointed to the pastorate of the Gormley United Missionary Church at the annual conference held near Kitchener last week, the Gormley charge was cleared from the responsibility of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hunking in order that they may make ready to take up missionary work in Nigeria, Africa. They sail shortly from New York, if they have not gone ere this appears in print.

Rev. P. G. Lehman, popular pastor on the Dickson Hill charge some years ago and now of Kitchener, was re-elected for a third term as conference president at the conference reported on in The Tribune last issue, while the new pastor at Gormley, Rev. Mr. Sider, is vice-district superintendent. These men officiated in an impressive manner at the ordination service when Rev. John Colley, Colborne, Rev. Clarence Hunking, Manitoulin Island; Rev. Ray Priddle, Palmerston, and Rev. Orval Bell, pastor of the new Evangel Church, Kitchener, were ordained to the ministry.

It is interesting to note that Rev. John Colley has as his life partner a Stouffville girl, the former Jean Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh who reside on Stouffer Street north.

The return of Rev. H. S. Hallman for a fourth term to the Stouffville church was learned with general satisfaction by his people the press learned from various enquiries. Cyril Berry returned to the Mt. Joy-Dickson Hill charge, and the Scott township church will have a new pastor in Rev. Harold Hallman of Hespeler. This charge and the new pastor at Gormley will take up their charges about the middle of October.

Church extension work was a major point of consideration at the conference. Much time was given to discussing possibilities for new churches in previously untouched regions. The advantages of a portable church were introduced to the conference. This, it was said, could be constructed by a Guelph firm, erected in possibly two weeks' time, and moved from place to place as new congregations were established. The portable church would be well designed, insulated and able to seat up to 150 people. This report met with wide approval and further investigations are being made.

THANKSGIVING DAY MONDAY

Next Monday being Thanksgiving Day and a public holiday all stores will remain closed while the employees enjoy the day off. What's more desirable than a day in the country at this time of year, especially if it is a holiday for those usually shut indoors.

Sneaks Make Off with Farmer's \$300 at Markham Fair Sideshow on Saturday

How a 50-cent gamble to win a little girl a panda bear resulted in the fleeing of an Agincourt drover to the tune of \$300 in a "sucker's game" at Markham Fair was revealed by police.

An extended search is being made for three men who fled leaving dice and betting boards behind after pocketing the savings of Carl Winch.

Standing in the doorway of his modest farm home, Winch related a strange tale, a story of two men with an innocent-looking dice game and panda bears as prizes, —the appearance of a swarthy character in the background with what looked like a gun in his pocket—and their hasty disappearance before the arrival of police.

"It all looked so innocent at first," he said. "I'm no gambler but I didn't know what I was getting into. I just wanted a panda for this little girl."

He explained he was visiting the fair and met the child, the daughter of a lifelong friend, and had taken her over to the booth where the dolls were displayed. Placing 50 cents on the board, he picked up the dice.

"It was crooked all the way through," he said. "I should have known better, but you couldn't see that until you got playing. It was impossible to win."

To all outward appearances the game was only a chance to win a panda. It was only after the dice began crackling that suggestions of larger cash jackpots were made. Eight dice were used and the main object was to total ten points with as many throws as you could pay for.

Dice were numbered one to six and points were obtained by totalling the digits. Each total was worth a certain point.

He could see when he lost his money; they couldn't pay off, he claimed. "It was away beyond them. They would have owed me over \$800."

It was when he reached a total of nine that Winch believes the dice were switched making it impossible for him to reach the "jackpot" of ten. A third man appeared at this time, standing behind his back.

"He was a dangerous-looking man and I'll swear he had a gun in his pocket. He just stood behind me and didn't say anything. When I said I was getting the police he moved in and spoke to one of the operators. I ran to get an officer and when we got back the whole three of them were gone leaving their equipment to be confiscated."

Cup and Saucer Goes to \$13.50 At Auction Sale

It was just an innocent little cup and saucer, lacking flame and color, save for a red band edging, but what it lacked in decorative beauty was more than made up from the fact that the china was over a hundred years old, and women, at least, dearly love ancient things like that. The cup and saucer was sold by Auctioneer Alvin Farmer, who was disposing of the goods from the household of the late Abram Grove just south of Ringwood on the 8th concession of Markham. This bit of china was not even stamped, but it was made before the days handles were thought necessary for it had no handle.

The auctioneer held high the precious pieces, reminding the upturned faces that here was something most precious. It came into the Grove estate through the late Mrs. Grove who was a Miller and who had received the cup and saucer from her home. She lived to be 82 and died in 1929. We all may shun old age, we all may wither, and fade like the autumn leaves, but not so this cup and saucer. With china, the years only enhance the value, for it does not crack and wither with age. With these introductory remarks or something to this effect, the bidding started. "Two dollars do I hear, who'll make it three," and several heads nodded. When the dollar bids were exhausted, half dollar amounts were acceptable and at \$13.50 it was snapped off by a Mr. Brown of Toronto who revels in antique articles and buys them to add to his collection. Brown has a Toronto friend who passed on The Tribune adv. that brought the buyer.

Another out of town buyer who found his way to the Grove sale as a result of the display advertisement in this newspaper was an inland revenue officer from the U.S.A., according to the printing on his car which carried an American license. This visitor ran up a chest of drawers to \$51 or more before they were knocked off to him. "I would have paid two or three times that amount if the competition had been keen, but who wanted to argue about a few chests of drawers at sky-high price. This piece of furniture was red cherry wood with brass handles, and said by the purchaser to be quite a prize. A 70-year-old clock fetched \$11.00, a fall-leaf table \$10.00. A wooden plow such as was used here a century ago by many settlers sold for \$15.00. It was looked on as a curiosity. The old spinning wheel found a new attic to repose in bringing only \$2.20. All-in-all the Grove sale which consisted only of furniture and house effects realized almost as much money as a farm auction held on the property when one Jacob Grove sold his farm stock and implements eighty-five years ago.

At that sale in 1864 four hogs sold for \$9.60, a white cow for \$14.50, a red cow for \$16.25. Feature was the high prices for horses. A bay colt sold for \$35 and a second colt for \$30.

Second Set Twins Born in Two Days

The Stouffville Brierbush which seems to be noted as a hospital for the birth of twins again scored the headlines when last week two pairs of twins arrived there in two days. As noted last week girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Armstrong of Markham, only to be followed on Friday by twin boys for Mr. and Mrs. William E. Huntington of Uxbridge.

One of the Huntington babes was rushed to the Sick Children's Hospital at high speed to gain the use of an incubator, while another incubator was rushed back here for use of the other babe. The twins were prematurely born, and said Mrs. Malcolm, "this was one of the instances where our hospital would have benefitted by having an incubator as permanent equipment."

Mrs. Laura Dauncey and her daughter, Mrs. Aaron Hargeaves from Brandon, Man., were in town on Tuesday calling on Mrs. Ella Ratcliff. Mrs. Dauncey is the former Laura Nichols of Victoria Square and she was making her first visit home in nearly half a century.

Pretty Markham Fair Rider



Ruth Michell, 17-year-old daughter of Henry Michell, Markham Township, won a first prize in the saddle race at Markham Fair on Saturday afternoon. Ruth is a sister of Margaret who was severely injured racing at Port Perry this summer.