

## Marvel at Utah's Scenic Grandeur

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Hi! Folks!  
Last letter was mainly about Salt Lake City..... this one is going to be mainly about the scenic marvels of Utah's Dixie.

We left Salt Lake City with a distinct feeling of regret. There were so many more places there we would have liked to explore and taken pictures of. But being already more than a week behind our original schedule, we pulled our stakes on Thursday morning, Oct. 13th. As we continued southward, the scenery flattened out considerably, although there was the odd mountain to be seen here and there. Nothing much happened to report. At one spot, we caught up to a large herd of Hereford cattle which was crossing the highway. It took us fully 15 minutes to meander through them. Peter got quite a kick out of being surrounded by them, and a bigger one out of the five cowboys in charge. They were the real thing alright, and had lassos on their saddles and everything. We finally stopped for the night at a little town close to a mountain range called Fillmore, about the size of Stouffville.

Next morning, we were off again—objective Cedar City. At lunch we stopped at the top of a mountain, parked, and had a good look around. We heard a funny noise in the sage not far away—stopped just long enough to recognize what sounded like a baby's rattle—and then scrambled but quickly in the opposite direction. We didn't get a look at the rattle, and we don't care if we never see one!! Also we saw our first vulture, whom we disturbed feasting on a dead animal on the road. It wasn't a very large bird and was a dirty black colour. We arrived at Cedar City in the middle of the afternoon, and as the weather was beautifully sunny we decided to park the trailer and make a try at the Cedar Breaks National Forest. The first ten or twelve miles up the mountain was under repair, and the going was really rough—but the scenery was well worth it. It was our first real mountain drive, hairpin bends and everything. The colours in the mountains ran the whole gamut of the spectrum, and I was so spoiled for choice I hardly knew which picture to take. However, I tried not to take any duplicates. Up and up we went, and when finally we came to the entrance of the Reserve, we were up nearly to 10,000 feet. There is a big lodge up there, which of course, was closed for the season. But we went on to see the main spectacle. At 10,354 feet, we entered a "lookout" and parked on what seemed the top of the world. There were clouds beneath us to the west, while the whole side of the mountain to the north of us was a medley of reds, purples, and many other colours. The rock formations were the result of countless thousands of years of erosion, and there were hundreds of pinnacles, many of them in the weirdest shapes imaginable. Looking down into the depths, between these pinnacles, we could see gorges hundreds of feet below. The heavily forested rim attains an altitude, according to the book, of 10,700 feet. After taking several pictures at different angles of the giant Cedar Breaks bowl, we prepared to leave as it was nearly sunset. On the way out, Peter spied a deer in the evergreens. We stopped to get a better look but after looking at us for about a minute he decided we were not very good company for him, and he disappeared quickly in the forest. Coming down was a bit harder on the ears than going up, and it took us a full half hour to get back to normal after arriving at our trailer parked below.

## Charge Assessor Partial to Widows and Spinsters

Members of Markham council and Assessor Archie Fleming enjoyed a laugh when council met as a Court of Revision on Monday with only five appeals filed against the township assessment just completed, and on which the 1950 taxes will be collected.

The smile came when a spinster charged in a letter forming a protest against a small increase in a \$700 assessment. "The assessor seems to increase the spinsters and widows, but not the married couples where there is a man to defend the assessment."

Mr. Fleming allowed the charge to pass without comment, but pointed out that he thought a very good job had been done since there were only five small appeals despite the millions of dollars in total assessment.

Of the five appeals none was for an amount exceeding \$200. Notwithstanding, council promised to view the situation surrounding each appeal, and make a decision after that.

Reeve Vern Griffin resided as chairman of the court and all members of council were in attendance. "With so few appeals it certainly would not warrant the services of a special set of assessment officers," observed Councillor Harry Barber.

The population of Markham Township is shown by the assessor as \$112, largest number of inhabitants ever shown on the assessment roll.

Engagements  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elson, Claremont, R.R.3, announce the engagement of their daughter Ruth Marie to Newton Allen Madill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Madill, Stouffville. The marriage will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Claremont.

Public skating this Wednesday, and Saturday nights.

## Unwanted Customers Visit The Carload Groceteria

Thieves broke a rear window in Carload Groceteria Sunday night or early Monday morning, and rifled the till of silver, took some tobacco and chocolate bars and made off. Indications were that they had tried to get into the Dominion Store, but were unsuccessful in the effort.

This is the first thieving reported in town in over a year and of course, it is hoped that it will not be the fore-runner of another series of robberies.

## COUNCILLOR AND WIFE 25 YEARS WED

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ogden were at home to a number of their friends in town, also relatives and guests from out of town on Tuesday evening, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Ogden is serving his second term on the village council, and both Mr. and Mrs. Ogden are prominent in Eastern Star activities in Markham Chapter.

## Milk Takes Jump All-Time High Here

Householders received a neat circular in their milk bottle the other morning, that was anything but a letter from Santa Claus. In it they were informed that beginning Nov. 1st the cost of milk delivered in Stouffville would be 18c per quart, highest price on record here.

Maple Leaf Dairy owners say the increased cost of operating a dairy, (and they operate a good one,) plus the increase in price of milk paid the farmers, forces them to advance the price again this year. Holders of tickets purchased at 17c per quart ticket, were asked to put out the extra cent until the tickets are used up.

The so-called "good old days" when Stouffville boasted two dairies, and six "independent" cows owned by residents, selling milk at five cents per quart will probably never be seen again. About ten years ago when pasteurization became compulsory, milk sold at 10c a quart. Now at the peak, probably the price will recede as time goes on, or will it be, as some predict, that milk will ultimately cost 25 cents a quart?

The 18c price imposed this week in Stouffville and district has become effective in neighboring towns and villages.

## Farmer Falls From Hay Mow, Dies Of Injuries

Freeman Allen, lifelong resident of the Township of Whitechurch, died in York County hospital at Newmarket on October 26, as a result of a fall from a mow on the farm of his son-in-law Chas. Williamson at lot 21, con. 2, Whitechurch. The farm is known as the former Pinder place located on the Aurora road.

Allen, who was a man in his 74th year, had gone up into the hay mow to look after some chickens, while his wife stood below waiting for him. In some manner Allen fell head-first through the floor of the mow landing in a pig pen. Mrs. Allen witnessed the fall and said that her husband came down on his head. "He must have suffered a heart attack or something, that caused him to fall."

Mrs. Allen had to chase two pigs from the pen before she could run for help. The unfortunate man was found to have a badly fractured skull, and died shortly after being admitted to the hospital. He never regained consciousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen occupy a cottage on the farm of their son-in-law, Charlie Williamson, and the unfortunate accident cast a gloom over the neighborhood where they resided.

Surviving Mr. Allen besides his wife whose maiden name was Christina Mathewson, there is the daughter (Hilda) Mrs. Williamson and a son Alfred. Also there survives brothers Alonzo Allen of Lincolnville on the 10th of Whitechurch, Russel of Pine Orchard, and a half-brother, Edward, of Aurora.

The funeral on Saturday took place to Pine Orchard cemetery for interment.

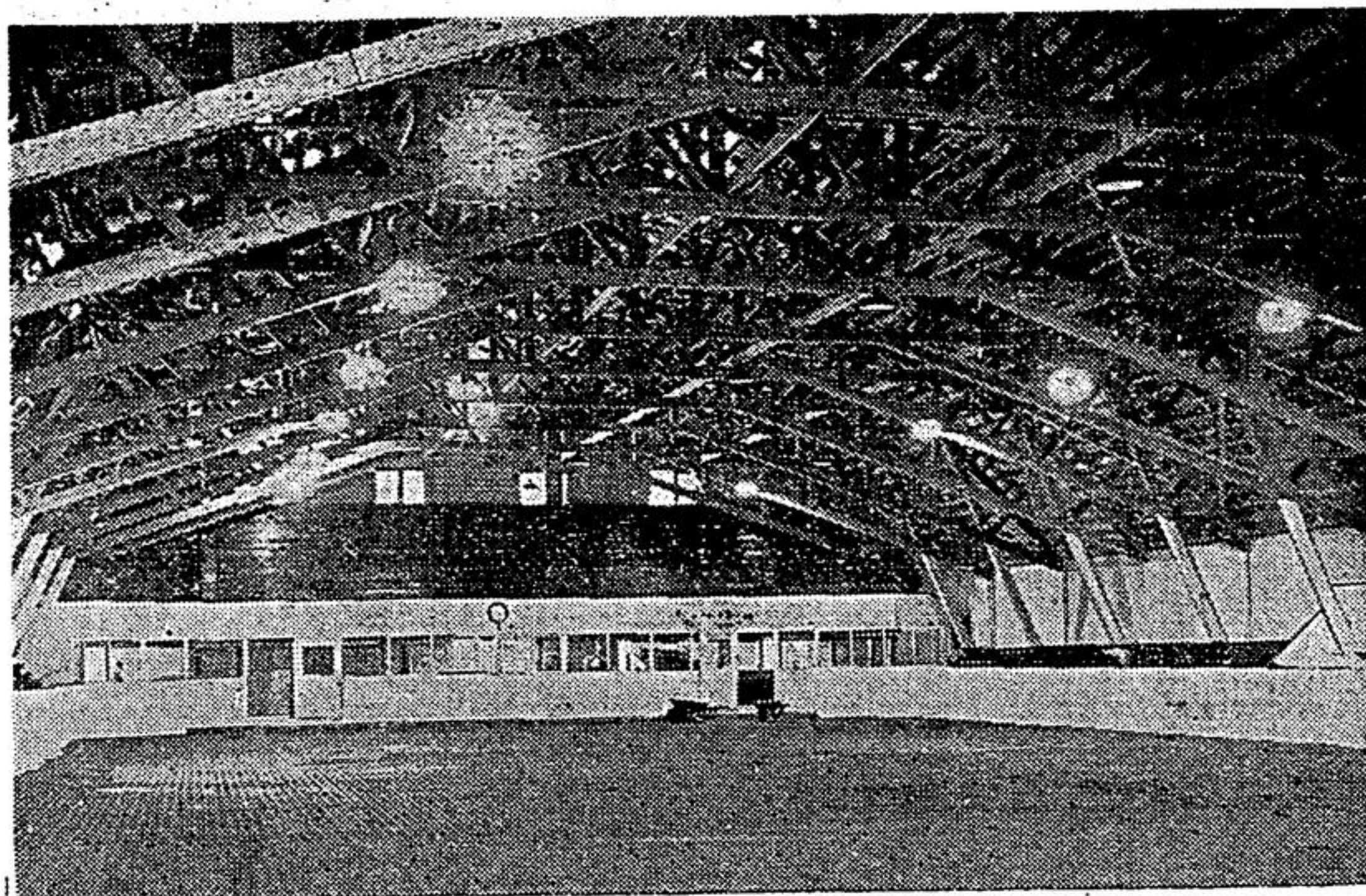
## Turner Holsteins Attract Buyers from South America, Mexico

The registered herd of Holsteins developed over the years by Mr. Lloyd Turner were sold by auction on October 25 at the farm here east of town, and the sale attracted buyers from all over Ontario, and far beyond. Cattle were shipped to South America, Mexico, New York and the State of Pennsylvania.

The 37 head in the sale including the bulls were reported to have brought a total of \$20,000 or better. Milk cows averaged \$700, while the average for the combined 37 animals was \$600. The top cow was of the Rag Apple strain which predominated the sale was bought at \$1350 and will find a new home in Pennsylvania. Top price for a 3-year-old heifer was \$900.

Mr. Turner who intends to retire in town is an outstanding stock man, and started this herd about ten years ago or more when he took up farming after having given it up for a few years.

## Many Thrilled With Arena Opening



It was a real thrill for many as Stouffville's big new artificial ice arena opened its doors to the public for the first hockey game on Monday evening. The smartly painted interior with its gleaming ice surface, its brilliant lighting, and spacious accommodation, were the pride and joy of the company shareholders who have made it all possible. Commenced last June, the big 225 foot building has proceeded steadily, under the contract with T. A. Wilson Lumber Co. The artificial ice plant, capable of turning out fifty-five tons of ice a day, was the work of Linde Canadian Refrigeration Co. of Montreal, and operates smoothly and efficiently, with its maze of valves, and automatic switches. The ice surface is 177 feet long and 75 feet wide. There is accommodation for two thousand hockey fans. Reserved sections will handle nearly 1200 patrons, with the rush seats and standing-room making up the balance.

The entire project has been built at a cost of \$80,000, with several thousand dollars in free labour and materials being contributed over and above this amount.

The official opening night is being scheduled for the latter part of this month, when it is expected that government and sports notables will attend.

## HON. ARTHUR WELSH VISITED HERE MONDAY

Honourable Arthur Welsh, provincial secretary for the Province of Ontario, was a visitor at the office of The Tribune on Monday morning. He was accompanied by Mr. W. G. Cassie, a former reeve of Uxbridge Township.

The reeve of Stouffville had an opportunity to appeal first hand to the Minister for the one mill sub-

sidy which the village council is still waiting for for 1949. He was assured that it would be forthcoming and that he would personally advise the local reeve after he got back to his office and had an opportunity to look into our case. In the meantime he suggested that we should rest content in the knowledge the subsidy would be forthcoming in some form.

## Twelve Assessment Appeals Nine Are Dismissed

Twelve appeals against the assessment just completed for the Township of Whitechurch were handled by the Assessment Court in session on Saturday at Vaudorf. This court is composed of Reeve Logan, Deputy-Reeve Ivan McLaughlin and Councillors Fred Timbers, R. Baycroft and Sid Legge. Every appeal was of so small consideration, that when the court arose, only \$350 spread over three properties, was the total of the change in the roll made by Assessor Fred Cummings.

Irving J. Hill obtained a reduction of \$100 on a \$400 assessment at lot 14, con. 3. The 100 acre farm is assessed at \$3,000 and the buildings at \$1,400. "It's about all I can do and it keeps me busy paying taxes to you fellows," declared Mr. Hill in speaking for a reduction. When he claimed he bought the farm in 1943 for \$6,500 with stock and implements and that the farm and buildings were valued at \$5,000, council dropped off a hundred on land assessment.

Owner of five acres on the 2nd

James Reid convinced the court he was highly assessed and obtained a reduction of \$200. He wanted to know why the former owner, a blacksmith, who lived there for many years was only assessed \$700 and just when he (Reid) stepped into ownership the assessment started to climb he claimed and this year it is \$1200.

Deputy-Reeve McLaughlin told the appellant that the assessor was not just increasing newcomers. "I had my assessment increased, too."

Another appellant obtained \$50 off while all other appeals were dismissed and the assessment sustained. Several on Cherry Street entered appeals that were more or less trivial in size. One woman told the court that her taxes last year were less than \$5 yet she appealed over a \$50 increase in assessment. She was told that her contribution to the treasury was scarcely large enough to pay for assessing her property and maintaining a name on the roll to say nothing of the services residents get in the way of roads, fire protection, etc.

## Rescues Drowning Boy



Crawling down the rough sides of a 12-foot well, Jessie Crowhurst, 13, of Ballantrae, rescued Freddie Watson, three, from drowning in deep water at the bottom. Jessie is a school pupil of Mrs. Robt. Windsor.

## Seven-Year-Olds Out, No Accommodation Whitchurch Told

Whitchurch councillors divided into two camps on Saturday when the matter over payment for car insurance for the two township constables became an issue. Last year, as Constable Watts explained, council paid half his car insurance, but when he inserted the item in his expense account last month, council struck it out on the assumption they had not contributed to this item the year before. When it was shown the item had been honored before Reeve Logan held that since there was no stipulation in the bylaw under which constables were engaged to pay their insurance, he would not favor such payment. Councillor Timbers who was absent when the item was deleted took the same stand as the reeve.

Councillor Legge maintained that other townships and the county honor this item, and Whitchurch should do likewise. When he voted against it in the first place, it was under wrong impression, he said. Mr. Legge then submitted a resolution to pay both constables half their insurance totalling in all about \$30.

Councillor Baycroft said he voted against payment under wrong impression, but would now support the payment. Deputy-Reeve McLaughlin also voted for Mr. Legge's motion.

Constable Watts, before the vote was taken, asked the council what council's position might be if the constables carried no insurance and met with an accident while on duty. "That's an important feature," said Mr. Legge. The motion carried three to two.

A deputation from Oak Ridges school section placed their school problem before council. Oak Ridges Mr. Frank Legge told council has 275 pupils including 60 children from outside the section, half from Wilcox Lake. A recent addition was overcrowded, and staggered classes are the result with children being able to attend only half a day. Some children up to seven years are still without any accommodation at all. Mr. Legge suggested there was need of a two or three roomed school for Wilcox Lake alone.

Clerk Crawford told the meeting a recent survey showed there are ten per cent more children attending school now and 18 per cent more children of pre-school age than formerly.

One spokesman said the debenture debt in the section was as much as the area could stand. Any more tax would lead people to scatter into other sections because of oppressive taxation.

Reeve Logan said council realized the serious problem that had arisen, but could not offer any solution. If the section could arrive at a solution that needed consideration by council he thought it would be a better approach.

It was pointed out by the delegation that the section to the north of Oak Ridges was overcrowded and contemplated expansion. Not long ago questionnaire sent out by council indicated by the trustees did not favor an over-all school board for the whole township, something which could go a long way to solving a trouble such as has arisen at Oak Ridges and Wilcox Lake.

Despite this over-all picture in Whitchurch, Oak Ridges apparently is for a township school area, as indicated at a meeting of the Oak Ridges Home and School Association held recently. The meeting was addressed by H. A. Halbert. He spoke very favourably of School Areas, and explained how the burden is carried evenly, by the whole township and how the schools of Scarborough and district were transformed by School Areas. He went as far as to say: "If there had not been School Areas there, there would not have been any schools. A motion was made and seconded that, Oak Ridges Home and School Association ask the township council to consider School Area before July 1st, 1950."

## ANOTHER MAN PICKS UP A PENNY

Mr. Les. Ogden, north of town, repeated an incident recorded in this paper last week wherein it was printed that Jim Smith of Ringwood had picked up a penny while plowing the garden. It was dated 1852. Now Mr. Ogden stooped to pick up a penny on his lands at Gravel Hill. How long it had been there will never be known, but it was minted in 1847 and is therefore one hundred and two years old.

Stouffville vs. Peterborough in the Arena next Monday night.