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## TENSE MOMENT NEAR THE STOUFFVILLE NET



Stouffville Clippers' goalie, Norm Stunden, with fixed expression, holds puck tightly in his mitt. He had just come

eight feet out of his net and calmly picked the puck out of the air after Gus Leonard blasted a shot at him in Fri-

Photo Courtesy Peterboro Examiner. day night's game with the Petes. The large crowd marvelled at the ability of the agile netminder.

## Begging is a Business In Middle East Local Traveller Finds

Oslofjord, Norwegian American Line (By Glenn Ratcliff who is currently touring Europe)

At the present moment we are lying at anchor just off the City of Malaya, unable to go ashore because of heavy seas. We arrived here last night at supper time and should have been ashore then. Some of the passengers left the ship at Cadiz and were to rejoin us here. The latest report is that we will go back to Gibraltar to pick them up.

Our ship was surrounded by row-boats off Portugal selling their wares and diving for coins thrown from our ship. They had model sailing boats and wicker baskets and chairs. It was a picturesque sight but would need sound effects to get the full benefit. On shore we had a ride in the native transportation method, a bullock cart with greased runners which the man greased every few yards by throwing sacking filled with grease under them. Then we went to the top of the mountain (3,000 ft.) and came down in a basket sled, sliding down over cobble stone roads. The flower girls on the streets were gay and colourful. Madeira is the home of some of the finest linen work in the world, also some of the finest wines. On shore we had a delicious piece of fish for dinner, deep-sea fish caught a quarter of a mile down, and when brought to the surface it bursts because of the difference in pressure.

The next night we docked at Casablanca. It was quite an experience to go into a city with such strange customs. The streets were dimly lighted and even the cars travelled with just their parking lights. The women glided past, heavily garbed from head to toe, wearing veils with only their eyes exposed. Men wore robes with hoods, some long and brightly coloured, others just jute sack with fez cap and some with turbans. It gave one a eerie feeling. Beggars are everywhere, partly because it is traditional and they are taught it from birth. It makes your heart ache to see these young folks, old folks and cripples, one a little tot not more than two. They follow you calling for money. The following day some of our party got in the midst of a small riot with a communist inspired mob throwing stones and calling, "Americans go home." The Americans are building large air-bases there. It doesn't take much to start a riot among these people.

Very early in the morning after arriving at Casablanca we took a native train about 170 miles out of the city. Our trip went over nicely tilled acres, then across a desert into the hilly country. The Arabs were tilling the ground often using a camel and a mule together hitched to a primitive plow. We passed groups wending their way along paths, and others with camels and pack mules — the women all walk. At the edge of the desert and across the hills we passed many many sheep with their robed and hooded shepherds. We had the good fortune to see a mirage in the desert (a great lake and trees where none existed). We visited an old mosque in which sultans are buried. Christians are not allowed inside the mosque so in order to get in our guide took us around back alleys. It was a bit amusing to see about fifty natives sitting down in front of the mosque rinsing off their feet, their hands and mouth before entering. Then we visited native street stalls, a scene I shall never forget. There were thousands of them, you could hardly wend your way through. Hawkers tried to sell you everything from fig hats to trinkets. You never pay the asking price or they would think you were crazy. Beggars also abound. One stall was filled with animal skins you could smell far above all the other smells. There were snake dancers, native dancers and native music abounded. It was truly a sight of primitive people. It is difficult to get good pictures because Moslems do not believe in having their picture taken, with the result that you have to be careful.

From Casablanca we sailed to Cadiz, Spain. The Spaniard is an indolent person to whom schedule means nothing. They still have siesta time which is a sleep between one and four in the afternoon. Even the stores close for this. Although our docking arrangements had been made for months we were kept waiting outside the harbour four or five hours. On shore it was just the same, you were never sure of any

## Whitchurch Farm Federation Asks Twp. for Tax Exemption and Increased Annual Levy

A delegation from the Whitchurch Township Federation of Agriculture appeared before the municipal council on Thursday evening asking that the township exempt farm lands over five acres for fire and police costs, and that the levy which is collected on the annual tax bills of all farmers, should be increased from one-fifth of a mill to one-half of a mill.

Members pointed out to council that exemption was being given to farm lands in other municipalities for fire and police protection costs, the reason given, being that these did not require the services.

However, the delegation was informed that while council was in sympathy with the suggestion, such a move required that a by-law be past not later than March 1st so that no move could be made for 1952.

The matter of increasing the levy for federation support was left for further study.

Ross Armitage stated that whether everyone liked the system of unions or not, it was up to the farmers to build a strong organization as possible and they should be prepared to pay in a little more money to support their association. Clerk Crawford revealed that no one had appealed against the levy in 1951.

Reeve Ivan McLaughlin said that he favoured the system, but would like to see all municipalities collect the same levy.

"It's the best organization the farmers ever had," stated Mr. Armitage. He contended that those who opposed it were doing so only for selfish reasons, because the Farm Acts took the speculation out of the markets.

Markham Township, it was stated, was collecting a half mill, Vaughan one fifth. King Twp. had promised a grant of \$500, but nothing had been received to date. Reeve Elton Armstrong of King Twp. was opposed to the organization, members of the delegation told council.

## Cedar Grove Wins Three Trophies

The winner of the Toronto East Rural Drama Festival, Cedar Grove Y.P.U., competed in Toronto and succeeded in winning the award from Carlton St. United which presented "Luncheon for Six" and Bloor St. United which gave "Dust of the Road."

But their success did not stop there. On Mar. 28 at Bond Head they won the Toronto Conference Trophy with a total of 86 points.

Other groups in this last competition were from Brampton, Thornhill and Churchill. The best actress award again went to Marion McCowan who played Emily Winthrop, an old lady in a wheel chair. Others in the cast are Lorne Reesor, as Walter Hodge, Emily's nephew; Jim Murison as Judge Stephen Craig; Lois Carr as Judith Ware, the secretary, and Doris Lapp as Linda Norton, a reporter.

## Mechanic Gets Three Months for Assault

Jack Maybury, garage mechanic, arrested on March 17th by the Markham Twp. Police and charged with assault occasioning bodily harm to his wife in their tourist cabin home at Langstaff went on trial on Monday and was sentenced to a three month term in the reformatory. His wife appeared in court and testified against her assailant. She is now almost fully recovered from a broken arm and fractured skull after twelve days of treatment in the St. Michael's Hospital. Constable Harvey Cox of the Markham Twp. Force carried out the investigation.

## Mrs. Leland Johnston Buried Here Today

On Monday, March 31st, Mrs. Leland Johnston, a well-known and respected resident east of town for many years, passed away at the Castle Frank Nursing Home in Toronto after an illness of some length. Born on the farm homestead of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, the deceased attended Stouffville Public School and Markham High School before taking on a position with Consumers Gas Co. in Toronto. Following her marriage in September, 1920, the happy couple lived in Newmarket for a short time where Mr. Johnston operated a grocery business. Two years later the deceased, and her husband returned to Stouffville to operate the home farm. It was only last summer that Mrs. Johnston could be seen busily working around the barn and garden. She attended both the Stouffville United and Christian Churches. Besides her husband there is one surviving brother, Mr. Ross Brown of Stouffville.

Service will be conducted from the chapel of L. E. O'Neill, Stouffville, on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. by Rev. D. Davis of Stouffville United Church with interment in Stouffville Cemetery. The pallbearers will be Howard Johnston, Morley Brown, Boyd Johnston, Hugh Johnston, Floyd Fairles and Lloyd Turner.

## Intermediate Playoffs Start Here Friday

This Wednesday (to-night) Uxbridge will play Agincourt (sudden death game) to decide second place.

Winner of this game will play Peaches at 7.45 on Friday night in the first game of a best of three semi-final round. In the second half of Friday's twin bill semi-final, the loser of the sudden death game will play the Maple Leafs.

The entire family of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagg were present at the Sunday evening meal which was a birthday celebration, in honour of Fred Woodland and Eunice Caulfield. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caulfield, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hill and Viola, Claremont, Miss Betty Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Assink, Miss Dorothy Wagg, Miss Eleanor Walters, Uxbridge, and Mr. Fred Woodland.

## Rescue Aged Patients & Babies As Fire Threatens Hospital

Frightened and bewildered, nineteen elderly patients, two mothers and their three infants, were rescued by firemen and nurses when fire in the basement of the Brierley Hospital, thirty bed private institution in Stouffville, filled the two-storey brick building with smoke on Sunday morning.

Most of the patients were hustled down the fire escape at the rear of the building, while a few were brought through windows at the front. Calm nurses led the elderly folks, many of them crippled and over eighty, to safety in private homes near the hospital.

Five-day-old twins of Mrs. Thos. Hammond, Claremont, were carried out and a two-day-old boy. The cause of the blaze has not been definitely established. A few minutes after it was discovered, in a basement room, heavy clouds of billowing smoke choked the entire building passing up through the clothes chute. Hospital attendants almost had the blaze under control at one time with their own extinguishers, but it persisted and the local brigade was summoned. Uxbridge equipment was later brought into play since the neigh-

boring brigade has available oxygen tanks which were necessary for the men to penetrate the thick smoke of the basement.

There were seventeen patients on the second floor and these were quickly evacuated with the aid of three nurses, Lois King, Mrs. Ann Irman and Mrs. Helen Grose. Few of the aged folks realized what was happening.

There was no panic and the entire building was cleared of patients within twenty minutes, thanks to the fine work of the nurses and local firemen.

The work of re-establishment was commenced immediately and by four thirty o'clock the next afternoon all the patients had been returned to their beds in the hospital apparently none the worse for the harrowing experience. Local ladies' church groups and other organizations turned in immediately to help. Three local ministers, Rev. Douglas Davis, Rev. H. S. Hallman and H. F. Branton organized a group on Monday to return the patients to the hospital.

Unestimated damage was done to the building by smoke and to the basement electrical wiring.

## Whitchurch Threatened With Court Action

A communication tabled at Whitchurch Township Council meeting on Thursday evening, threatened the municipality with court action in connection with the opening of the road allowance from Vivian to the 9th con. Ratcliff Bros. and Ben Grose, property owners adjacent to the road allowance asked through their solicitor that council make settlement for taking over the road allowance and retaining the original allowance from which the timber was removed.

Council discussed the matter briefly and declared their intention to stand behind their recent move in opening up the allowance and selling off the timber by tender, which they contended was perfectly legal in every respect.

It was stated that Mr. Ratcliff was offered the presently used road of approximately thirty feet, but had rejected the offer on the grounds that there was no timber on it. Reeve Ivan McLaughlin told council that he understood that many years ago the road had gone through on the timbered allowance, but when the roadway became bad for travel, the present course began to be used by the public. It is a little to the north of the township's surveyed allowance.

The timber on the road allowance was recently sold off by tender for \$250.00 and the municipality is preparing to complete the new road through to the 9th.

Mrs. Ray Fleury and Mrs. O. Lehman have been in Picton a few days visiting Mrs. Fleury's daughter, Mrs. Maurice Dixon.

## Mrs. Fred Preston Passes Suddenly

On Tuesday, March 25th, after an illness of less than a week, Mrs. Fred Preston of lot 14, concession 5, Whitchurch, passed away in her 69th year. Mrs. Preston, the former Violet Ann Logan, was a resident of the fifth concession all her life, moving from her place of birth a short distance north following her marriage in 1903.

Besides her husband the deceased leaves to mourn her passing five sons, Alex of Sundridge, Everett of Nipissing, Bernice of Bethesda, Clifford on the home farm on the fifth concession and two daughters, Stella (Mrs. E. Hoover) of Claremont and Marguerite (Mrs. L. Swanson) of Vandorf. There are three sisters, Mrs. Norman Teasdale of King, Mrs. Geo. Peck of Stouffville, Mrs. Robt. Ratcliff of Stouffville and two brothers, Ed. Logan on the eighth concession and Russell in Toronto. There are also 24 surviving grandchildren.

Funeral service was held in the Vandorf United Church on Thursday afternoon, March 27th, at 2.30 p.m. conducted by Rev. L. K. Sider of Gormley United Missionary Church assisted by Rev. Moddle of Aurora United Church with interment in Pine Orchard Cemetery. Pallbearers were Rollia Scott, Russel Hunt, Ernest Davis, Clarence Atkinson, James Gibson and Earl Foster.

## Former Markham Reeve Suffers Stroke

Mr. Wesley Gohn, one-time Reeve of Markham Township, and prominent in township affairs for many years, suffered a stroke this week while participating in a curling match at Unionville Arena. His condition is described as fair as we go to press.

## Roof Collapses Carpenter Falls 25 Ft.

On Thursday morning of last week, Mr. Frank Whetter of Rose Ave., Stouffville, plunged twenty-five feet when the roof on which he was working collapsed. Mr. Whetter who is employed by Stan Thompson, a contractor on Stouffville R.R.3, was in the process of tearing down the horse barns formerly owned by Mr. John Stuart of Markham when the roof gave way. The local carpenter toppled onto a pile of lumber, landing partly on his head and left shoulder. Mr. Thompson who was also on the roof at the time was saved from possible injury also by clinging to the edge of the barn which did not give way. The injured man was given first aid at the scene of the accident and then rushed to Dr. S. S. Ball for further treatment. Although badly shaken up no bones were broken.

## Warm Debate On Road Work

A warm debate developed in Whitchurch Township Council last week concerning the advisability of having the maintainers out on the roads at the present time.

The question of trying to preserve the roads through the spring breakup arose over a report from Clerk Crawford that Mr. Ross Winterstein of the Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co. had asked repairs to the 10th con. north of Lincolnville. Road Supt. Davis also told council that a delegation was to have attended council from the north townline and 9th con. north, but had called to say that the condition of the roads prevented them from being present.

Reeve McLaughlin stated that he believed that something could be done to improve the roads to some slight degree, and called attention to the stretch of road in front of his own farm which he said was very bad.

"It would at least show the rate-payers that we're trying to do something," Councillor McCarron contended.

It was stated that the roads were as good as any other municipality's for this time of year, and there was not too much could be done about it.

While Reeve McLaughlin said that he was only trying to make some suggestions, he continued to press for some action, and Road Supt. Davis stated that he would commence grading the next day, although he did not believe

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## Two New Trucks for Markham Township Road Department

Tenders are called in this issue of The Tribune for two new trucks for the Markham Township road department. The one is to be of four to five-ton capacity and the other a half-ton pickup. At a special meeting of council on Monday evening, the decision was made to call for tenders for the two new trucks, and the move was strenuously opposed by Councillor LeMasurier. In one instance a recorded vote was called. Seven thousand dollars had been included in the road budget for new equipment.

Discussion waxed warm over the handling of township gasoline and Road Supt. Buchanan stated that he was prepared to step down if his handling of the work was not satisfactory. Councillor Le-

Masurier pressed for a voucher system to record every gallon of gas used out of township pumps and his motion was successful.

The clerk was instructed to call for tenders for 30,000 tons of gravel, 60% stone to be placed on township roads this summer.

The matter of whether or not Markham will proceed with the erection of a new garage and offices on land on which an option was taken at Buttonville, or will renovate and add to the present building in Unionville, received further attention, but a move by Councillor LeMasurier to have the property committee sit on the problem, was defeated since other members of council believed further discussion should await the return of Reeve Timbers, who is holidaying in Florida.