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Millions Jam Royal Derby

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This is another in a series of Coronation Year letters from overseas written for the Stouffville Tribune and other members of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

At The Royal Derby

Only by the courtesy of members of the press and of the firm of Public Relations, Bonney and David of London, could this story have been written.

While having dinner with a Byline writer of London's Sunday Express, M.E. French, I was advised to contact the above firm. I was to get a pass to the press gallery at Epsom to see the race known all over the world as the Derby.

The press gallery was on the same level as the Royal Box, separated only by a glass partition gave us not only a splendid view of the whole field but also close-up of the Royalty in the next box.

Million Jam The Commons
Epsom Commons—is just what the name implies, a public commons. According to those in authority no one can be prevented from going anywhere at any time free. This still applies to the portion within the oval of the tracks.

Those half a million people there were not charged any admission. They saw the race from the top of the small hill from the race track side or from whatever point they favored.

Some came by bus and saw from the top of the hill. However, the grandstand, which is larger than the Woodbine tracks and has three decks, is owned by a corporation whom I was told have squatter's rights there and do charge admission.

There is also a company which has parking privileges and handles that at various prices up to a £ per vehicle. There is also standing room charge for the near grandstand.

Derby—Third Race
The Derby Race, made famous by Lord Derby, who usually had horses entered but who had none to qualify this year, of course was the main race of the day. In fact after it was run most of the crowds began to disperse.

The Royal party left just following the finish of the next race.

Money Poured Into Bookies' Hands
From our Gallery we could watch the Bookies at work taking bets from the public who pushed and scrambled to get the pound notes and £5 notes into their hands screaming and calling their names and the horses they chose to win, second or place.

These chaps, who are licensed, seem to have a canny way of keeping records. It was impossible to understand the method but we were told they never refused to pay a winner.

There are Tote machines or Pari-Mutual—which do not have the popularity of Bookies. They were everywhere spread among the crowds so that not many who desired need miss a chance to wager.

No actual record is available of the amounts these brokers handle. If all did as well as those within our view the amounts must have been fabulous.

In the back fields the silver money changes hands more than the paper. The smallest amount in paper is a ten-shilling note, similar in size to our dollar bill. The note is larger, even larger than our old dollar note. The 5£ note bill is larger again and very thin—nearly the size of a folder letterhead. These notes could be prominently seen in the hands of the would-be wagers.

The Queen's horse was getting much favoritism for first but more for show.

The winner of third place was almost an outsider, paying 33 to 1.

No. 2 horse on the lost, owned by E.P. Taylor of Canada, prompted us to wager a £ note to show which he did not so we did not collect.

A horse from Ceylon was heavily backed by some Ceylon press representatives in the

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Lemonville Dog Tops at Oshawa

A 20 month old Samoyed dog "Duchess" owned by Mrs. Owen Deacon of Lemonville captured two prize ribbons at the Oshawa International Dog Show held in the Brooklin Arena on Saturday. Mrs. Deacon's entry was selected as the Champion in the open dog class. It was the first time the dog had been entered in competition. The Samoyed breed is an unusual dog with black eyes. The competition was very keen with considerably more entries being shown than on former occasions.

FAITHFUL SERVICE RECEIVES RECOGNITION



Chairman Len Wilkes of the Stouffville Public School Board is seen here presenting Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cober with gifts on behalf of the Public and High Schools in recognition of Mr. Cober's faithful service for nearly a

quarter of a century as caretaker. Mr. Cober was given a purse containing one hundred dollars and Mrs. Cober, a coronation cup and saucer. In a letter of presentation were the following words: "During

the past twenty-three years you have used your talents and generous measures of time, far beyond the demands of duty in unselfish interest, to the care and improvement of our school buildings.

Horse Show Promises to Be Finest Yet Staged

Brig. O.M. Martin will Officially open Show

Stouffville Horse Show next Wednesday, July 1st, promises to be the finest yet staged with added features, increased classes, and world-famous riders. Brig. O.M. Martin will officially open the show at 2 p.m. However, the first class will go into action at 10 a.m.

One of the feature additions to the 1953 Show will be the Heavy Horse division which promises to interest farmers from near and far. Every type of heavy horse hitch, up to six-horse teams will go into the ring. A second ring will be operated for this section of the show which gets underway at 1 o'clock.

Riders from former Olympic teams and those trying for points in preparation for the next Olympic riding, will compete here on Dominion Day.

The ladies of the Legion Auxiliary will serve refreshments on the grounds and there will be a prize for the holder of the lucky program, the winner to be on the grounds when the draw is made.

In addition to the big Horse Show here on the holiday, Stouffville will host the Dominion Horse Show playoffs which are to be held on the local courts.

On the holiday evening, there'll be a professional wrestling show in the Stouffville Arena.

Folk Festival Attracts 1,500

Extra loudspeakers had to be installed for an overflow crowd of 1,500 who came to see and hear performers representing many nations at the 5th annual folk festival at Cherry Hill Farm, on No. 7 Highway, Saturday.

Dressed in native garb, dancers representing countries such as Estonia, Finland, Japan, Greece, Scotland, Germany and Denmark, performed through the afternoon and evening. A pot-luck supper followed the festival in the evening.

ENGAGEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rose of Markham announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Betty to William Franklin Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Guthrie of Whitby. The marriage will take place in St. Andrew's United Church, Markham on Saturday, July 11th, at 1 o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Earnest Lucas, Breslau, Ontario announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Marie to, Airman, 3rd class, David Milford Honsaker Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David Honsaker, Scottsdale, Penna., U.S.A.

The marriage will take place Aug. 8, 1953, at 8 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, Boloxi, Mississippi, U.S.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hallman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ona Eloise, to Douglas Norman Davis. The marriage will take place on Saturday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in Stouffville United Church.

There'll be professional wrestling in the Stouffville Arena on the holiday night, July 1st.

Jacob Wideman Born in Markham 85 Years Ago

One of Markham Township's best-known residents, Jacob Wideman, passed away on Friday morning in the East General Hospital. Born 85 years ago on the 8th con. of Markham Township, Mr. Wideman was one of the most familiar and best-known residents of the district.

The first twenty-five years of his life were spent on the present Wes Wideman farm on the 8th following which he worked his own acreage on the 7th of Markham for forty years. He was a man of considerable physique and prided himself in his good health. Mrs. Wideman, the former Sarah Lehman passed away ten years ago. The couple attended the Peachs Church.

Surviving are four sons, Clarence, Markham Police Chief, Lorne of Birchcliff, Carson of North Markham, Harry of New Toronto and Mrs. Ed. Nigh of Stouffville, a daughter. The funeral on Monday was conducted from Peachs Church with Rev. Robins officiating. Pallbearers were: Pros. Hastings, Peter Steckley, Henry Miller, Alan Wideman, Allan Lewis and Gordon Reid. Interment was made in the Peachs Cemetery.

Arena Co. Revenue Nearly \$40,000

While revenues at the Stouffville Arena Company were nearly \$40,000, profit was down several thousand below last year, to about \$5,300. These figures were presented in the annual financial statement sent to each stockholder and at the annual shareholder's meeting on Thursday evening. There were no changes made in the directors of the company, the following being re-elected: Geo. Allison, Gar Lehman, L. E. O'Neill, Geo. Rodanz, Morley Symes, Reg. Patton and Chas. Nolan. The annual meeting was not largely attended and there was little discussion of arena problems.

In the income bracket, the Clipper hockey club with \$8,043.65, Toronto Hockey League \$4,228.50, hockey practise \$3,688.50, were the chief money-raisers in addition to the snack bar which grossed \$9,814.47 for the year. Rentals received for the new floor were \$1,576.74.

Next to salaries and supplies for the snack bar, the Village of Stouffville collected the greatest revenue from the arena, more than \$3,000 in taxes, water rates and hydro. The Senior Hockey Club's share of the year's turnover was \$5,341.62.

A family picnic in Memorial Park on Friday afternoon marked the 55th birthday of one of our best known townsmen, Jos. Mertens. Mr. Mertens, despite his years gets about every day with his gardening every day and enjoys quite good health, and only recently assisted with painting the Mertens home on Duchess St.

C.N.R. Line Blocked by Overturned Cars

The morning passenger train which arrives in Stouffville at 11:15 a.m. was delayed for over two hours on Tuesday morning because of a freak accident south of Uxbridge. According to Prov. Police Constable Wilton of Uxbridge the south-bound freight train was unable to make the steep incline between Uxbridge and Goodwood and numerous cars were uncoupled to make the load lighter. The engine was in the process of returning for the remaining cars when the engine went out of control and braked into the standing cars turning one over and damaging the rear of the freight engine. For over three hours, sectionmen worked to clear the track before traffic returned to normal once again.

A number of passengers held here during lunch hour were provided with refreshments from McDonald's Snack Bar. Mail for Goodwood and points north was picked up by car.

Toronto Man Gets School Caretaker Job

Following two tender calls which netted scarcely any local applicants, Stouffville Public School Board met in special session on Friday evening and awarded the position of caretaker to William Lennox of Toronto, at a salary of \$2,700. Mr. Lennox is married man with two children and will take up residence here during the summer. Mr. Jess. Cober who has been caretaker at the local institution for more than twenty years has given up the position.

Tenders have also been awarded for the annual winter coal contract, with Central Feed of Stouffville the successful bidder at a price of \$16.35, for approximately 75 tons.

The Board discussed with Principal Watson the problem of overcrowding which will have to be faced in September, and it was agreed that rather than go to added expense of making additional room space, the principal's room would provide seats for the extra class. The inconvenience is anticipated only until Christmas when it is expected the new High School will be completed and there will be ample room in the Public School.

A survey is to be made for the new pupils who will be commencing school in September.

competition, Mrs. Bill Morris was awarded first prize, a beautiful crystal cake server; Mrs. Ted Cadieux, 2nd, a silver cream and sugar set and Mrs. Elmer Farthing, 3rd, a silver bread tray. The judges were Mrs. Floyd Fairles, Mrs. A. Farthing and Mrs. Geo. Middleton. Reeve Henry Ogden made the lucky draw selections with the following prizes being awarded: free lubrication, Mrs. Earl Hoover; free car wash, Mrs. N. Durant; Goodrich tire, Lloyd Oliver; oil change, Lloyd Jennings; side view mirror, Mrs. Levi Forsyth; 10 gals gas, E. W. Hammond.

There were two 50th wedding anniversary couples present, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNair and Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Morris. Mr. Fossett of Oshawa received the \$10 prize for the best old Ford on display, a smooth running Model T.

"Yankee Buccaneer" will be the special technicolour feature at the Stanley Theatre on Dominion Day.

Uxbridge Schools First Field Day

The initial field day for schools in the South Area of Uxbridge Twp. was held on Friday of last week in the Goodwood Community Park. Pupils from Webb, Glasgow, Garabaldi, Goodwood and Fifth Line schools were in attendance. Ball games between various schools were run off during the morning. Dick Taylor handled the umpiring chores in the game between Webb and Fifth Line while Dean Watson called the balls and strikes in the contest between Garabaldi and Goodwood. The winners played off with Fifth Line defeating Goodwood for the honours. At noon a picnic lunch was enjoyed by the teachers and students.

In the afternoon the contestants took part in dash races, ball throwing, relay races and football kicking. Each school had representatives in the various events. Webb School carried off the rope jumping honours. The four ball clubs then engaged in a tug of war which brought the events to a successful close.

When the individual points were tallied Goodwood ended up on top with 18, Garabaldi 14, Fifth Line 34, Webb 31, and Glasgow 16. Although Goodwood School were the winners they were forced to forfeit the honor in favor of Garabaldi due to demerit marks on the part of a number of students, thus placing their school in the number three position.

Ford Jubilee Celebrated Here

R. H. Murphy was the centre of activity in Stouffville on Saturday on the occasion of the Ford Motor Company's 50th anniversary celebration. A number of Ford Company dignitaries were present as well as representatives from the British-American gas company and the Goodrich Tire Company. A lengthy parade which included everything from antique Model T's to new 1953 Fords and Monarchs passed through town illustrating vividly the progress made during the past half century. The children were treated to free cold drinks, balloons and souvenirs and even a circus clown was on hand. In the birthday cake

FORD OFFICIALS HERE FOR BIG CELEBRATION



A number of district Ford officials were in Stouffville on Saturday for the big celebration and parade staged by Murphy Motors, local Ford-Monarch dealer.

in connection with Ford's Golden Anniversary and the opening of Murphy Motors' new building addition. Shown here left to right are Greg Beamish,

Jack Smith Unanimous Choice of Liberals for Local Riding of N. York

Before a large audience in the Aurora High School on Saturday evening, Jack Smith, M.P. of Richmond Hill was given an unanimous nomination to again represent the Liberal party in the riding of North York in which Stouffville is located. The convention was conducted by Mr. McNish, president of the Toronto and York Liberal Association with Mr. C. Cambell introducing the executive officers and conduct-



JACK SMITH, M.P.

ing the election. Mr. Smith was nominated by Jos. Vale, Mayor of Newmarket and Mrs. Webster of Aurora.

Mr. Smith in his opening remarks paid high tribute to the speaker of the evening, External Affairs Minister, Lester Pearson. He stated that in his tenure of office his greatest compensation had been his privilege of giving some measure of help to many people in the riding without thought of party, race or creed.

"You will hear many appeals from other candidates but the Liberal campaign will be conducted on the highest level, with issues and not personalities uppermost," said Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith has been editor of the Richmond Hill Liberal for 27 years and has been a Member at Ottawa since 1945.

He pointed out the seriousness of the coming election in view of disturbed world affairs and called upon the voters to treat their special responsibility with all seriousness, the deciding issue being what was best for all Canada.

The record of this 21st Parliament is one of outstanding service," said Mr. Smith, "and deserves the support of the voters for re-election, to continue legislation which is admired all over the world." Mr. Smith pointed out that in the current year, 2,000,000 people will receive \$360 million for four and a half million children; new old age pensions for \$60,000, and a record over-all production and foreign trade.

Hon. L.B. Pearson
The Hon. L. B. Pearson, who is president of the United Nations and a world figure, was introduced by Lorne Lee of Aurora. He paid tribute to the candidate Mr. Smith, stating that his motto at Ottawa could well be "deeds not words."

"Times are too serious and dangerously out of joint for any but the serious minded, and this is the kind of campaign Mr. Smith will wage," said Mr. Pearson.

"Just where does Mr. Drew think he's going to save the \$500,000,000, in taxes he talks

Tribune Later Next Week

Due to the Dominion Day holiday falling on Wednesday next week the Tribune will be published one day later than usual in order that the staff may enjoy the holiday and take in the annual Horse Show here.

Home and School Waits Till Fall

When it proved impossible to have anyone accept the position of president for a proposed Home and School Club for Stouffville, a public meeting on Thursday evening agreed to wait until fall when another attempt will be made at organizing. Mrs. McLellan, Zone President of the Federation of Home and School Association presided at the meeting held in the school and pointed out the advantages of having such an organization and reviewed some of the accomplishments of the association. The movement she told the gathering began over fifty years ago and has made for a closer bond between teachers and children. There are presently 93,000 members and nearly one thousand associations across the country. Besides a small fee levy, the association is subsidized to the extent of \$3,000 a year by the government. Mrs. LeMasurier of the Federation Council and Mrs. Toogood, vice president in charge of this area, also spoke. While a motion to organize passed the meeting unanimously, there were apparently no office-seekers present, and all efforts to start off the election with a president, failed.

about saving," Mr. Pearson asked.

"If he's not going to reduce the national defense budget, or cut down the social security budget, or cut down the payments on the national debt, he has only about \$750,000,000 left. It's difficult to see how he can cut \$500,000,000 out of that."

The Minister said that he had totalled what the cost would be if all the Progressive Conservative measures were enacted and it added up to a billion dollars.

"So you see they are going to cut off 500,000,000 then add another billion," he said.

Replying to critics who called the present Government arrogant, Mr. Pearson said: "A government takes on the colour of its leader, and no person is less arrogant—in fact modest to the point of humility—than Mr. St. Laurent."

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Storm Causes Damage Here

A severe electrical and wind storm hit Stouffville and surrounding district on Saturday afternoon causing considerable wide-spread damage to buildings and crops. In Stouffville, lightning struck the transformer at Schell's slaughter house while other bolts blew out the fuses in a number of other residences in town. During the height of the storm, the rain came down in a regular cloudburst with the water reaching curb-depth in the highway. A miniature lake was formed on the lawn in front of T.H. Paisley's home and a number of basements were flooded when drains became swollen by the deluge. Day was turned into night and motorists who ventured out in the storm found it necessary to turn on their lights in order to drive. The town lighting system which is mechanically operated suddenly came on due to the heavy sky. Points north and east were hit even harder as trees and hydro lines formed barricades across the road in many places. In the Mount Albert district it was feared that acres of potatoes would be washed out by the torrent. One Pickering Township farmer had a number of cows killed when lightning struck a tree near where they were standing. The storm apparently cut a ten mile swath through this district as damage in the Markham-area was comparatively light and in Toronto the rainfall amounted to only a few drops.