

B. & S. Telephone Company Grows Up

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 der: "barring agents of the Bell Telephone Company".

It must be admitted that there was no scramble to buy our stock, but we did make substantial sales to members of households that were served by a telephone in the house, but who were not named as the subscriber, also some friends of directors invested money in the Company because they believed that rural telephone development had an assured market that was only waiting to be cultivated. I believe, the first person from a distance who bought our stock as an investment was Miss C. E. Eastwood, Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, Toronto.

In 1908 we were on the eve of a great increase in our business. With the beginning of 1909 surprising openings began to present themselves. Early in the year the Altona Company offered to sell their plant to us. We purchased it, and some of our shareholders re-invested in their share. In the same year we built into the Richmond Hill district, purchased the Vandorf Tel. Co. plant, and developed the Aurora district. The crowning event was the signing of an agreement with the Bell Telephone Co., Oct. 21, 1909, giving us long distance connection via Richmond Hill and also via Aurora. This agreement also rented to us switching service for our subscribers in the Aurora and Richmond Hill areas. The full story of this change will be related in another article.

During that same year we purchased 1721 feet of 25-pair ground, from our central office to the 9th concession line. This cable was laid in November, and in May of the next spring a severe thunderstorm utterly ruined the cable—we had not erected lightning arresters.

Some conception can be formed of our rapid expansion during 1909 and 1910, by the fact that whereas in 1908 we had 200 telephones in service, in 1910 we had 520 in service, an increase of 160%. This required money, and in March 1910 we issued bonds to the amount of \$15,000 at 6% interest, the bonds to run for five years.

Other forward movements during this period were the purchasing of a larger switchboard in 1909 and erection of a 25-pair cable reaching to Church Street, in 1910.

In January, 1908, we declared a dividend of 5% for the year 1907, and since the shareholders were now receiving a reasonable return on their investment, the Directors felt that the Company was able to pay something for the management of their business. They requested that the sum of \$150 be paid to the Directors, for the year 1907, and that \$200 be voted to the Directors for the year 1909. The shareholders agreed to both recommendations and

later honored by his fellow workers and associates and presented with a mantle radio. He was born in Port Perry and went west in 1911. Mr. Birkett was overseas in the First World War with the 27th battalion. He has two sons, Norman of Vancouver and Lorne of Regina and a daughter, Mrs. Roy Moore, of New Westminster, B.C.

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Friends will be interested to learn that R. C. (Slim) Birkett, brother of Mr. Will Birkett of Stouffville and uncle of Gordon Birkett, local insurance agent, has been honoured for the completion of 43 years service as a conductor on the C.N.R. As he stepped from the train on the Gravelbourg to Regina run he was met by the divisional Supt. and other officers, and

Signs of the Times

Can we fix the date of Christ's Coming? Is it drawing near? What will it mean for the believer and for the unbeliever?

Rev. W. S. Whitcombe will discuss the above subject.

VIVIAN CHURCH

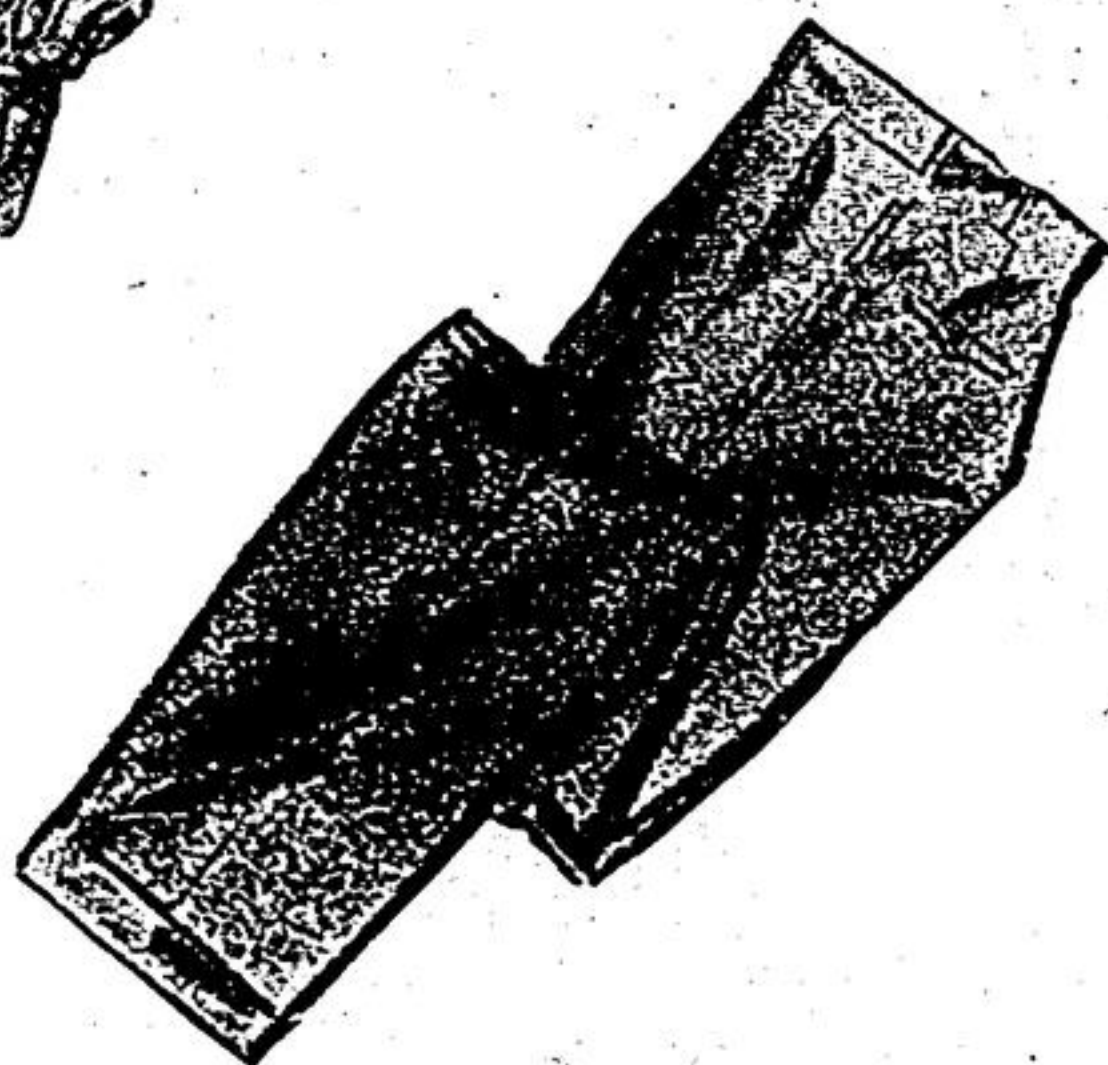
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Evening Wedding Ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brillinger following their recent wedding ceremony in St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville. The bride is the former Barbara Dixon.

Stouffville Council will meet for their regular February session this Monday evening. Markham Township Council will convene on Monday afternoon.

Be sure and see page 2 of this issue where Hendricks Hardware has a full-page two-color display on a great January sale of Ingles laundry appliances.

Another development was that our accounting had become a heavy responsibility. Mr. David Heise had been issuing accounts and making collections, while Mr. Jas. H. Ratcliff had been issuing cheques, countersigned, of course. This was a cumbersome method and it made for complications. On one occasion there was something wrong in the balance. I and the two men directly concerned worked until 5 a.m. searching for the elusive error. After that experience we engaged Mr. Robert Rae of Toronto, a public accountant, to advise us concerning our book-keeping. The result was that we employed him to act as our part-time accountant.

We had weathered a lot by the year 1910: we had survived financial difficulties, paid a cash dividend, engaged an expert accountant, floated a bond issue, made friends with the Bell Telephone, and survived the destruction of our cable.

Yes—we were grown up!

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BRILLINGER-DIXON

On Wednesday, January 26th the marriage of Barbara Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon, Stouffville, to Arnold John Brillinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Charles Brillinger, Bethesda, took place against a background of white chrysanthemums and evergreens in a candlelight double-ring ceremony conducted by the Rev. Donald McKillican in St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white velvet gown with long pointed sleeves, and a cathedral train. A coronet of seed pearls held her hair length. Chantilly lace well and she carried a cascade bouquet of gardenias and roses. Miss Doreen Ogden, Stouffville, was maid of honor in a peacock blue iridescent, waltz length taffeta gown tucked at the bodice and with bolero and head-dress to match. Her bouquet was a cascade of white chrysanthemums and iris.

Miss Marie Brillinger, sister of the groom, Miss Helen Thomas, Toronto, and Miss Grace Sellers, Stouffville, were bridesmaids and were gowned alike in red iridescent, waltz length taffeta, tucked bodice, with bolero and head-dress to match. They carried old-fashioned nosegays of white and golden chrysanthemums. Miss Mina Mehaffey, Ringwood, was flower girl in blue flocked Organdy and carried a small nosegay of sweet peas and baby chrysanthemums.

Mr. Dave Mehaffey, Ringwood, was the soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Atkinson, Stouffville. Mr. Derek Chadwick, Stouffville, was best man and Mr. Eldon Yake, Goodwood, Mr. Harold Atkinson and Mr. Donald Lewis Jr., Stouffville, acted as ushers.

At the reception held in the Sunday School room the bride's mother received wearing a rose beige waltz length brocade taffeta gown with lace bolero and beige and brown accessories. The groom's mother assisted, wearing navy nylon sheer. Their corsages were pink and white baby mums.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. Ball, Toronto, grandparents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brillinger, Bethesda, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lehman, Stouffville, grandparents of the groom. For traveling to the United States the bride chose a cherry-rose wool crepe dress with winter white and navy accessories.

The Congregation of Christ Church (Anglican) held their Annual Vestry Meeting Jan. 23. The Rector, Rev. J. D. Tiller, voiced his appreciation of the healthy condition of the parish, new families joining the church and increased attendance was very encouraging. The following officials were appointed: Rector's Warden—Mr. F. Powell; People's Warden—Mr. J. O. Ingham; Secty.-Treas.—Mrs. W. G. Sanderson; Lay Delegate—Mr. A. C. Davis.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kirby, Markham, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Muriel Grace, to Frank Lewis Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred L. Wagner, Port Perry. The marriage will take place Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 3 p.m. in St. Andrew's United Church, Markham.

More than \$3,000,000 have been paid by the Atomic Energy Commission as bonuses to finders of uranium deposits. Uranium, essential for making atom bombs, is the most sought-after metal in the world today.

Local and Personal Happenings

Coming Bride



The marriage of Marilyn Ruth Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kerr, to Lloyd Ray Steckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Landon Steckley, will take place in Second Markham Baptist Church, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Weldon and family and Mrs. Weldon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Howsam, left on Sunday by motor for the sunny south.

The Uxbridge District Boys Choir and their leader, Mrs. Colby, motored to Toronto Sunday night to sing in Danforth United Church.

The sale is reported of both the Chas. McDonald home on Montreal St. and the Howard Haynes house on Victoria St. Both these families are understood to be leaving town shortly for new business ventures.

We were pleased this week to receive a note from M. E. Watts who along with Mrs. Watts is enjoying the balmy Florida air. The Watts travelled 2250 miles to reach their destination, calling on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hisey at New Orleans. He stated that they ran into considerable snow in Alabama which was something new in that State.

The latest cold snap has been the longest of the winter to date in this district and our most continuous blanket of snow has been with us now for several weeks. However, we have been treated lightly in comparison to some of our neighbors across the border. The writer was in Buffalo last week where every street is piled high with snow and plowing continues daily in the main thoroughfares. We were told that the city purchased new rotary plowing equipment 3 years ago and this is the first year it has been used.

Parents and friends of preschool children will have an opportunity to view the ideal premises of our local Nursery School this Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5 p.m. By the kindness of Mrs. A. Mole the Parents Executive have planned a delightful Valentine Tea. Also, a sale of home-baking will be held in the school-room. Mrs. DeWitt, Supervisor, will be on hand to distribute literature published by the Institute of Child Study, U. of T., and the Toronto Nursery Education Association, the principles of which recognize no racial, religious or economic discrimination. In addition to nursery school training for pre-kindergarten ages, kindergarten privileges are here made available to children outside Stouffville School section.



Donald Deacon who was recently elected as the new Council Member in Markham Twp. representing Ward II.

Mrs. Polly Lewis, Mrs. Elmer Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wells attended the Ice Follies in Toronto Monday night.

NOTICE

E. A. Grubin, R.O., Optometrist, will be at his office in Stouffville, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7th and 8th. Phones 8632 and 2531.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 459, Canadian Legion, elected the following to their 1935 executive.

Pres., Mrs. Aurelia Smith; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Joan Garrett; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Marion Murphy; Treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Lee; Corres. Secty., Mrs. Eureka Skinner; Rec. Secty., Mrs. Edith Sanders; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Ethel Wilson; Executive Committee—Mrs. Gertrude Burkholder, Mrs. Helen Scheil, Mrs. V. Jennings, Mrs. Erle Malloy, Mrs. Elsie Sanders, Mrs. Marion Castle, Mrs. Evelyn Lehman; Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Helen Garrett.

These officers were installed at the regular January meeting by Legion Pres. Mr. Jack Garrett, assisted by Mrs. Robt. Holman, Past-Pres.

Funeral service was held here on Friday for the late Evelyn Todd of Timmins and head of a well-known family here for many years. "Lew" Todd, as he was popularly known, left Stouffville some twenty years ago and has resided in northern Ontario. The Todd family resided in the large brick house at the corner of Albert St. south, now occupied by the Evangelical Mission, and Mr. Todd was manager of the Farmers' Bank which operated in the west-end. He was also manager in the bank at Brechin for a time. Mrs. Todd was the former Annie Leaper of Claremont. Besides his wife the deceased is survived by three sons, Jack, Joseph and Fred, and a daughter Helen. The funeral service here at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Douglas Davis.

The regular meeting of the Stouffville IOOF Lodge will be held on Mon. Feb. 7 at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Winterstein left for Florida this week and next week Mr. and Mrs. L. E. O'Neill will also motor to the sunny ocean shores.

You should get your tickets now for the Ross Caldwell Singers who are coming to the Stouffville High School Auditorium on Feb. 17 and 18. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be obtained from many of the business places along Main St. This is an outstanding concert by a group of young ladies who are slated to be the coming Bell Singers.

Local Optometrist Attends Congress

Among the delegates at the 15th Annual Mid-Winter Congress of the Optometrical Association of Ontario last week, was Garnet V. Gray of Uxbridge and Stouffville.

The Congress was held this year at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton where optometrists from every part of the province assembled to participate in a three-day session of technical and professional lectures and discussions. Among the papers presented were lectures on the Etiology of Headaches and their importance in Ocular Symptomatology, by Wm. M. Lyle, F.A.A.O. Secretary of the Board of Examiners of the Manitoba Optometric Society and Vice-Pres of the Canadian Association of Optometrists. Speakers from the Ontario College of Optometry were Dean E. J. Fisher, M.A., F.A.A.O., and Mr. W. S. Long, B.A.

Col. ES. A. Baker, O.B.E., Managing Director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, addressed the Fellowship luncheon of the Congress on Wednesday. Life Memberships were presented to those who have rendered conspicuous service to their profession. Guest speaker at the Annual Banquet on Tuesday evening was Mr. J. Lance Rumble of General Motors Corporation.

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