

Tom Jennings Retires From Telephone Co. Honoured at Gathering

Friends and fellow workers of Thomas Henry Jennings of Lloyd Ave., gathered last Wednesday night to honour him on the occasion of his retirement from the Bethesda and Stouffville Telephone Company.

On behalf of the company, Mr. Jennings was presented with a beautiful gold wristwatch by Douglas Woolven. Mrs. Jennings was presented with a toaster. There were 26 present at the affair, which was kept a secret from Mr. and Mrs. Jennings until they arrived to find a house full of friends.

With most of the number present being associated with the telephone company, Mr. Jennings recalled that when he began service with the line in 1908 there was only one permanent outside employee on a full year basis, while he and another worker were hired for the summer season. There were only four or five hundred phones in use at the time, compared with about 2,200 at the present time. A one-horse

Markham and Vandon Police Track Vandals

Markham Township Police and Vandon O.P.P. are staging a thorough investigation in an effort to track down a gang of Halloween hoodlums who caused extensive damage to property in both Whitechurch and Markham Townships.

On the third concession of Markham, vandals gained entrance to the public school through a rear door. They overturned the teacher's desk and hauled the school's fine piano into the yard where they smashed it beyond repair. On the fourth concession of Whitechurch, north of Gormley, vandals smashed the windows in the Public School and the Vandon O.P.P. are endeavoring to track down the culprits. Police believe that the same gang may be responsible for both school break-ins.

Sgt. Bill Shearn of the Markham Twp. Police arrested and charged Pasil Dugas of Markham and Peter Jenner of Green River in connection with damage to mail boxes on the 8th concession, north of Markham. One of the residents spotted the vandals' car and copied down the license number. Sgt. Shearn picked up the two youths in a Markham restaurant. It is the second such offence to be charged against Jenner within the year.

Former Pastor Coming Here for Anniversary

Rev. W. M. McGuire of Pontiac, Mich., and popular minister here at the United Missionary Church in the twenties, is returning to Stouffville on Sunday, Nov. 6th, for the anniversary services. These services in the United Missionary Church will be at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Rev. W. M. McGuire is completing his twelfth year as District Superintendent of the Nazarene Church in Pontiac. He has organized between forty and fifty churches and was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity when his oldest son graduated.

For years the speaker has worked on radio, being on as many as six days a week. When in Canada his radio program

Engagement

The engagement is announced of Greta Florence Smith, daughter of Mr. Victor D. Smith and the late Mrs. Smith of Goodwood, to Peter William Rummie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rummie of Leaskdale, the wedding to take place on Friday, Nov. 18, 1955.

A full truck load of cauliflowers belonging to Gar Lehman, local grower, was upset on the townline, west of the 6th con. on Friday.

was known as "The Old Time Camp Meeting Hour."

Markham Twp. Population is Now 12,409

In a report tabled this week with the council of Markham Township, J. A. Fleming revealed that the population in the area reached a total of 12,409 at the end of October this year. This compares with the figure a year ago of 12,156, and shows an increase in the past twelve months of 253.

This slight gain was registered, Mr. Fleming pointed out, even though there had been a loss in population of about 300 during the year, when the Village of Markham annexed some

Seventeen Gravestones Desecrated



Mr. Fred Nighswander of Altona kneels beside one of the seventeen tombstones that were toppled over by

vandals in the Mennonite cemetery on Halloween night. Many of the stones were broken and parts of some are

missing altogether. The community is planning to hold a bee in an effort to repair as much of the damage as possible.

Despicable Vandalism Perpetrated at Altona In Pioneer Cemetery

One of the most despicable acts of vandalism ever perpetrated in this district occurred in the Mennonite Cemetery at nearby Altona on Monday night when seventeen gravestones, marking the burying places of a number of local pioneers, were upset and broken. The desecration carried out by Halloween hoodlums marked a new low in mentality for this type of character.

The damage was first noticed by Mrs. Fletcher Gouche on Tuesday morning. A number of the stones are broken; all are toppled over and some are missing, one being recovered later in bushland nearby.

This is one of the oldest cemeteries in the district, the first burial taking place there in 1835. The church which stands by the graveyard was built in 1832 and both are still in use. Many pioneer Mennonite residents have been laid to rest there, some of the families long since departed from the district. The Cemetery is administered by a Board of Trustees separate from the church and these men, with help, will attempt to repair the damage that has been done. Words are inadequate to describe the indignation of the residents at this wanton desecration.

PRIZES FOR BOOSTER TICKET HOLDERS AT OPENING GAME

Time is running out in which to purchase booster hockey tickets for the forthcoming hockey season which opens here on Nov. 11th with Oakville being the visitors. To add to the festivities of opening night the local Boys Band is expected to be in attendance. In addition, a host of prizes are being given away to booster ticket holders.

The management also states that further prizes will be given away during the winter for booster ticket holders.

DIES AT OYEN, ALTA.

The death occurred last week in Oyen, Alberta, of Mrs. Harriet Wright, the wife of William Wright, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Yake of Stouffville. Born in Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Wright farmed for many years in Alberta. She had been in ill health for some time.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two children, Bob and Edna (Mrs. Frank Logan), both of Alberta. Mr. Wright is the youngest brother of Mrs. Thomas Gostick of Stouffville, Mr. F. Wright of Atha, and Mr. William Wright of Lakeview. The funeral took place in Oyen on October 31, 1955.

Births

QUANTZ—Mr. and Mrs. John Quantz of Claremont are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Joyce Faye, a sister for Murray and Marjorie, at the Oshawa General Hospital on October 31, 1955.

enford of Toronto. Long was represented by Robert Harris, of Harris, Harris and Wallace, of Uxbridge.

Query Culvert Policy on New Roads

Meeting last Monday in afternoon session, Markham Township Council considered in more detail reports from residents that new culverts were being installed in front of residences where there had been standard culverts prior to the start of the work. The ratepayers wanted to know if the township as a whole was to bear the cost of these installations.

The area affected is in the south-west corner of the township where extensive road widening and straightening is in progress. In some cases, old boilers have been torn out and replaced with new steel culverts by the contractors. In other cases, smaller culverts have been replaced with larger ones.

At a previous meeting, the consulting engineer for the township explained that in many cases the grades on the streets were being altered, and this would change the size of culvert required for proper drainage. Deputy-Reeve Clark pointed out that while the minimum size of culvert is now 15 inches, many culverts were installed in earlier days when smaller ones had been approved.

Council decided that in view of the magnitude of the job, culverts of the proper size would be installed in front of all properties, using the old culverts where possible. There would be no charges for changes in size of piping, provided that a culvert previously approved was in place. Council decided, however, that where a culvert is installed to replace a boiler or log culvert, the owner in question would be re-

MRS. WILL BIRKETT HEADS BOWLERS

On Thursday evening, Oct. 27th, eighteen members of the Ladies Lawn Bowling Club were graciously received at her home by Miss Gertrude Todd on the occasion of their annual meeting. A very successful season was reported and the officers for 1956 are as follows: President, Mrs. Will Birkett; Vice President, Mrs. L. Hoover; Secretary, Mrs. Elmer Daniels; Treasurer, Miss Gertrude Todd; Games Com., Mrs. George Storey, Mrs. George Middleton, Mrs. Edlin Wagg; Social Com., Mrs. Carl Boadway, Mrs. Les Wilson; Mrs. Wm. Wallace; Prize Com., Mrs. Al Klinck; Mrs. Ken Laushway, Mrs. Geo. Middleton; Press, Mrs. L. Lemon; Mrs. Fred Crossen; Improvements, Mrs. Mervin Wais; Miss Todd; Visiting and Membership, Mrs. L. Hoover; Mrs. Grubin, Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Lee; Auditors, Mrs. Lemon and Mrs. Klinck.

START CRACKDOWN ON DEFECTIVE CARS

Word was received today by the local Provincial Police that their newest directive deals with cars or trucks equipped with faulty equipment. The word is that the day of warning by police officers is over. From now on, violators are to be prosecuted for all infractions.

More than two dozen applications have been received for the local police position.

quired to pay for the cost of the new culvert.

Makes Award of \$830 Damages In Court Action

Damages totalling \$830.54 have been awarded an Uxbridge man following a County Court hearing in Whitby this week. His Honor, Judge John E. Pritchard made the award to Edgar Tait in his suit against Austin Long, both of Uxbridge. The action arose out of a motor vehicle collision on December 11th, 1953. Representing Tait was Robert Rutherford, of Pheasant, O'Brien, Phelan and Ruth-

Gormley Man is Fined \$100 for Careless Driving

Robert Clark, 20, of Gormley, was fined \$100 and costs or one month in jail for careless driving. The charge arose out of an accident in Pickering Township on October 21.

A convertible driven by Clark plowed into a dump truck driven by Everett Crosby of Courtice. The impact was such that the rear wheels were torn off the truck. The vehicle, which was valued at \$5,000, was a total loss and the convertible was also badly damaged, testified Constable H. Smart, Pickering Township.

out of that alive" asked Magistrate Ebbs. Chief A. L. Laking, Pickering Twp., explained that Clark had spent a week in hospital with a concussion and bruises.

"What were you trying to do, commit suicide?" the magistrate asked accused.

"I didn't see the truck," replied Clark, who hit the dump truck at an intersection on Greenwood road.

Chief Laking explained that North York police have reported the convertible stolen, so it is possible Clark will be taken before another court to stand trial on that charge.

Presentation to Retiring Phoneman



The employees of the Stouffville and Claremont offices of the B. & S. Telephone Co. honored Mr. Tom Jennings at a presentation party following his retirement from

the firm after more than 40 years of service. Pictured above is Mr. Doug Woolven (right) presenting a gold wrist watch and electric toaster to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reg MacKay on Wednesday evening of last week.

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United Miss'y Church General Conf. Opens Wednesday at Bethany

Plans are complete for the holding of the 17th general conference of the United Missionary Church for North America, local officials announced this week.

The conference, which meets every four years, is the highest governing body of the denomination. It will convene Nov. 27 at Bethany U.M. Church. Pastor of the host church is Rev. H. S. Hallman. Church officials, representatives, and delegates in Canada and United States. Largest official delegation is expected from Indiana.

Will Discuss Merger One of the most important matters to be discussed is the proposed merger with the Missionary Church Association, an American denomination with headquarters at Fort Wayne, Ind. The matter of union has been discussed for the past 12 years.

An attempt will be made to have the general conference become worldwide in its representation, and includes delegates from foreign countries as well. Some American districts are urging the adoption of a new

constitution. Heading the Ontario delegation is Rev. Ward M. Shantz of Kitchener, superintendent of the Ontario district. Other delegates include Rev. H. B. Wideman of Evangel United Missionary Church, Kitchener, secretary of the Ontario district, and Rev. P. G. Lehman, pastor of Bethel U.M. Church, New Dundee.

Several Speakers Among the lay delegates representing Ontario are H. D. Huber and E. R. Storms of Kitchener and A. E. Gillies of Collingwood, a former Kitchener school principal.

Speakers at the general conference will include Rev. R. S. Reilly, missionary secretary and former director of Calcutta Youth for Christ; Rev. D. M. Taylor, president of Mountain View Bible College, Didsbury, Alta.; Rev. Q. J. Everest, director of "Your Worship Hour" broadcasts, South Bend, Ind.; and Rev. J. E. Tuckey, Brown City, Mich., who recently completed a world tour of United Missionary fields.

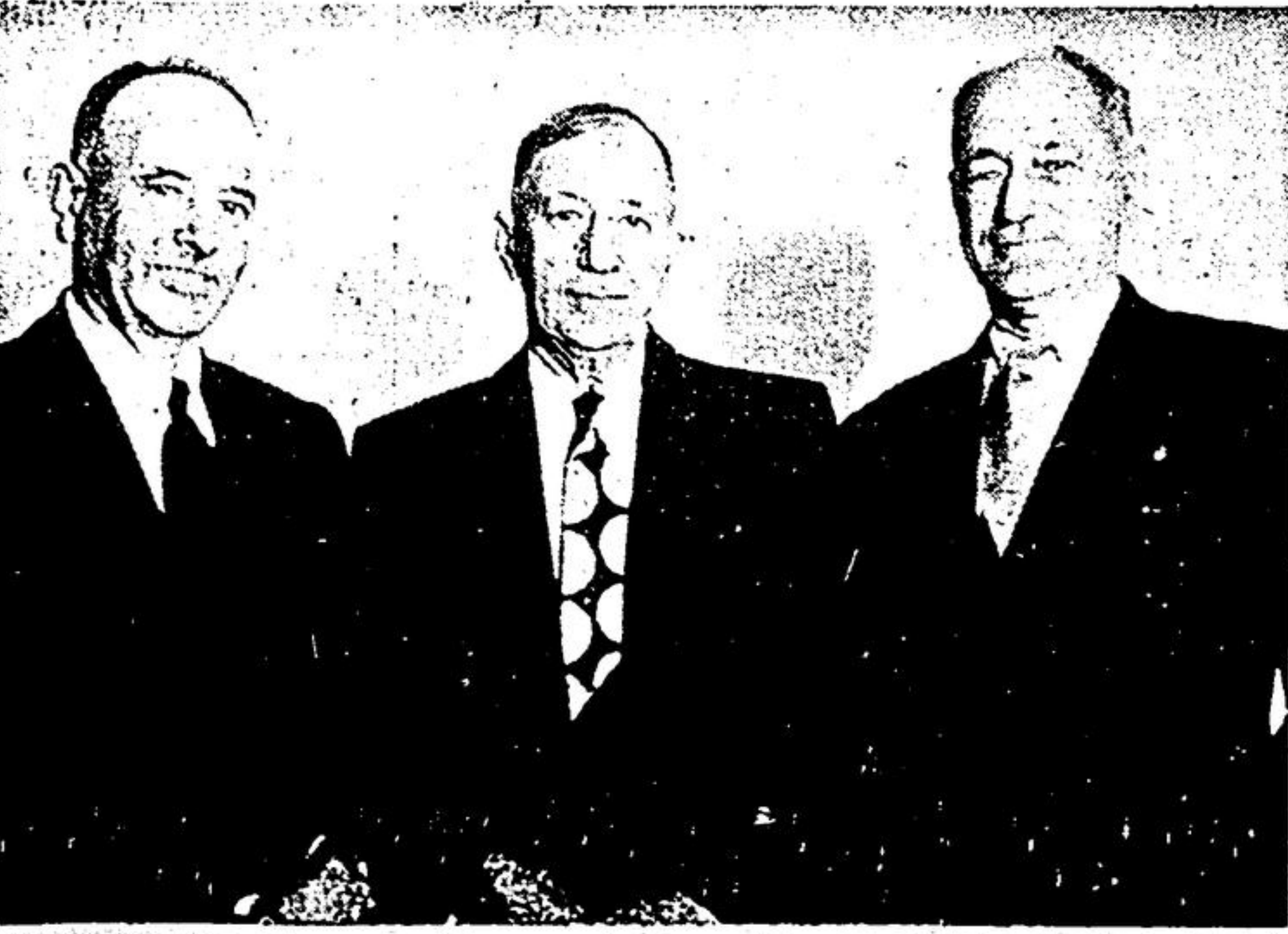
Claremont Hunters and Their Bag



Two Claremont hunters, Mr. Eddie Ortiz (left) and Mr. Mike Valentino are pictured above with three fine

cock pheasants bagged east of Claremont on Friday morning. Much of the hunters' good fortune was due to Mr.

Ortiz' Spaniel pup, Trixie, who assisted in scaring up the birds.



Three employees of long-standing with the B. & S. Telephone Company are pic-

tured above: from left to right — Mr. Clayton Tarr, Mr. Tom Jennings and Mr.

Del Jennings. Mr. Tom Rae, Manager of the local office, has also been with the firm for many years.