

Fifty Years Married on Same Farm

Two hundred and fifty friends and relatives called on Mr. and Mrs. William Harbron on Tuesday in the afternoon and evening to offer congratulations and best wishes on their golden Wedding Anniversary.

Numerous congratulatory cards, flowers and gifts adorned the rooms. Some of the gifts were — a chime clock from the family, a tea service from the sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews; a footstool and magazine rack from the choir, and many more lovely and useful gifts.

Messrs Gerald and Leslie Marbron opened the door to the guests.

Mrs. Stanley Neale presided over the guest register while Mrs. Gerald Harbron and Mrs. Leslie Harbron looked after the guests.

Mr. William Harbron is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pilkey of Claremont.

Mr. William Harbron is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Harbron of Mt. Zion. The couple were married from the bride's home south of Kinsale by the Rev. Tonkin of Kinsale. To this union were born one daughter (Dorothy) Mrs. Stanley Neale, and two sons, Gerald Harbron of Myrtle and Leslie Harbron of Mount Zion. There are five grandchildren.

Tea was served in the dining room; centering the tea table was a three-tier wedding cake on a white linen tablecloth.

On the occasion of the Anniversary those who poured tea were Mrs. Frank Disney, Mrs. George Wilson of Mt. Zion; Mrs. Phil German, Mrs. Ed. Perry and Mrs. J. Jackson of Toronto; Mrs. Robert Pilkey of Almonds; Mrs. Vic Parkin of Brockton; Mrs. Percy Neale of Pickering and Mrs. Vincent Wright of Highland Creek.

Serving the guests were Glenna Neale, Bernice Harbron and girls of the Mt. Zion choir. Guests were present from Toronto, Highland Creek, Taunton, Oshawa, Pickering, Markham, Whitby, Uxbridge, Brougham, Claremont and Mt. Zion. The bride and groom of fifty years have lived on their present farm for fifty years.



May the New Year bring to all our loyal friends and neighbors, all the happiness that comes from a full measure of good health and good fortune.

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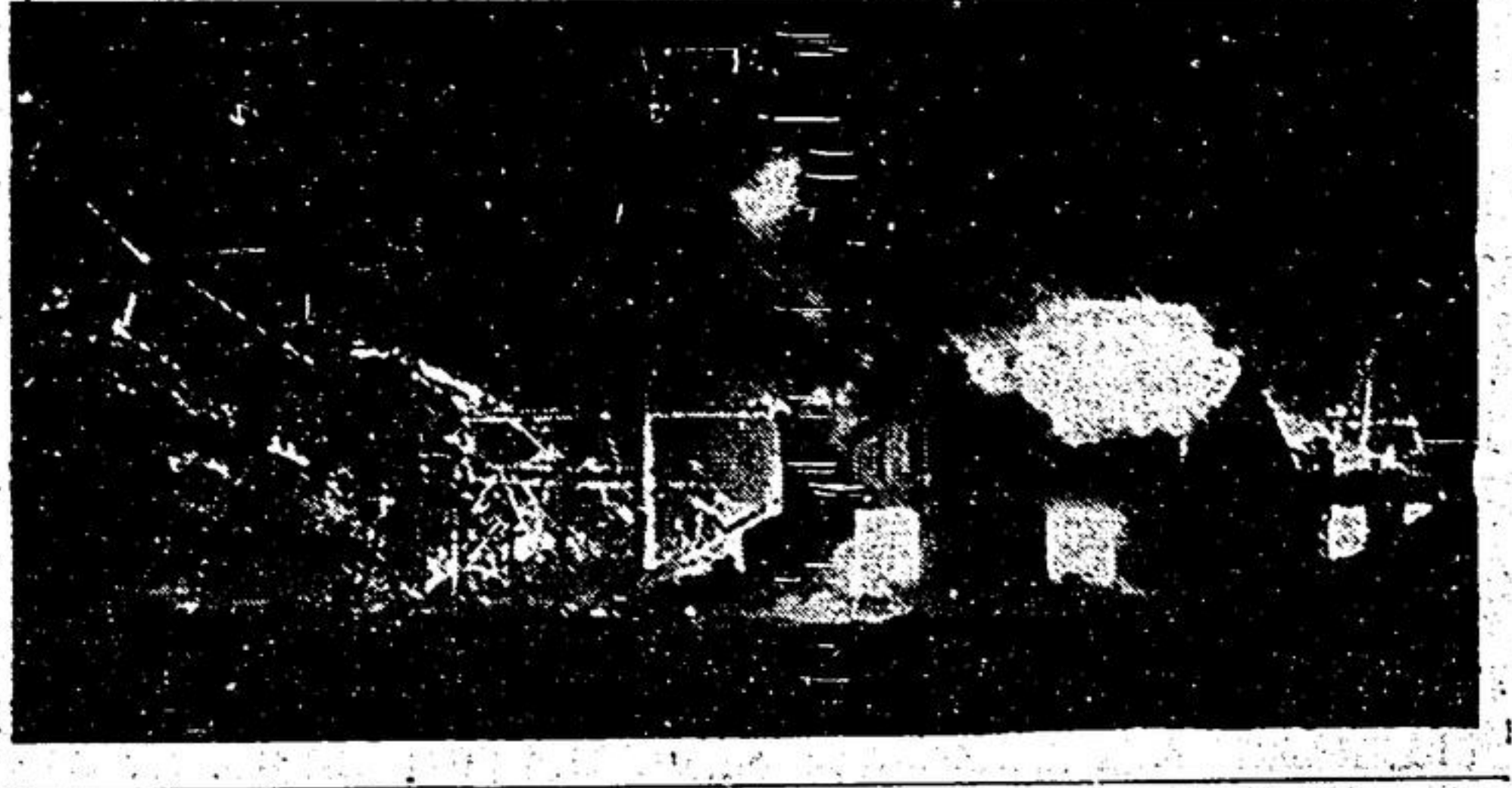
Four-Hour Fire at Western Sand & Gravel Destroys Buildings and Equipment

The rambling buildings housing expensive machinery were completely destroyed by fire late Thursday afternoon at the Western Sand & Gravel pit, three miles north of Stouffville. The loss is estimated in excess of \$100,000. The Company is operated by Messrs Mason, Barkley and Byers.

The fire is reported to have started in the workshop and quickly spread to the elevator and loading bins. The cause of the outbreak was not immediately known. Lost in the fire was an expensive gravel crusher, a number of trucks, electric motors and acetylene welding equipment. Near zero temperatures hampered the efforts of firemen to hold the blaze in check. The pump on the Uxbridge fire truck refused to work and the tank on the Stouffville truck was soon emptied. The fire was out of control, however, before either brigade arrived on the scene. Drums of oil and gasoline made it unsafe for firemen to approach too closely and a number of them exploded, thus adding to the intensity of the outbreak.

A number of the employees were working inside the building when the blaze broke out. They didn't have time to move any of the equipment out as the fire spread very rapidly. The reflection of the fire could be seen for a distance of 4 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall of Orillia and Mr. Grant Burkholder of Richmond Hill spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burkholder, Stouffville.



EXTEND LIONS DRAW TO JAN. 10

The lucky draw sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club and scheduled to take place Tuesday night, Dec. 27th, has been extended to Tuesday night, Jan. 10th.

The extension of time was necessary in order that the hundreds of books of tickets still in circulation could be returned. The Christmas holiday weekend made it impossible for these books to be brought back in time. The draw will be made at the Clipper-Oakville hockey game in two weeks' time. The two winners will receive an aluminum door (installed) and a mantle radio.

Community Recreation In Whitchurch Township Is Helped by Council

Meeting with the council of Whitchurch Township recently have been various representatives of recreational bodies in the district, who have received the full support of the councilors and township officials. One long-standing item has been a piece of property at Lake Wilcox, which at last has been decided to the Township for purposes of recreation.

The property consists of a tract of land 290 by 200 feet, located at the north end of the lake. There is a building on the lot which, through being left empty has been almost completely wrecked. Following a long series of discussions with the executors of the estate to which the property belongs, council was able to obtain the consent of these people to have the property deeded to the township. Prior to this step, the township had no authority to make any decision as to the disposal of the property. A recreational group, headed by Mr. Cliff Lacey, has approached council with several suggestions for the best use of the property.

This group is one of several bodies in the township who have been meeting with a view to bettering the opportunities for recreation in their own areas. All such groups are under the supervision of the Whitchurch Township Community Centre Board. This board is recognized by the Departments of Education and Agriculture, and has plans to develop more activity in the Vandorf Park and at Lake Wilcox and Oak Ridges. At Oak Ridges, part of the area is in King Township, which has no Community Centre Board, but the Whitchurch body has considered residents of both townships in all discussions. There are now over 1,900 children of school age in Oak Ridges and Lake Wilcox. The Community Board have expressed their willingness to assist groups in other areas, as the township develops.

The Community Centre Board is headed by Mrs. R. C. Baycroft, and the secretary is Mrs. D. Bassett. Cliff Wallwork was the representative of council on the board for the year 1955.

As duly recognized recreational groups, the community centres are eligible for departmental grants of 25% on capital expenditures such as outlays for property and building. Ceiling on these grants is \$5,000. In addition the province allows 20% toward maintenance of community projects, and recreation programs. A grant of one-third is also made toward the salaries of instructors and assistants.

Members of the township council have stressed that provincial legislation makes this assistance possible, and will therefore do what they can to help along any communities in the township who are willing to form a group and do the necessary work to get community projects rolling.

Local Co-Op to Promote Credit Union Assoc.

Following a Directors' Meeting of the Stouffville Co-Operative held recently here, it was decided to call a public meeting on Wednesday, January 11, at which the benefits of membership in the Credit Union Movement will be explained. It was revealed at the meeting that in North America today, there are ten million workers who belong to the Credit Union.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by a committee appointed by such representative groups as the York County Federation of Agriculture, Markham Township Federation of Agriculture, York Co-Op Medical Services, Co-Operators Insurance Association, and the Stouffville Co-Operative Association. Mr. W. J. Lackie, fieldman for the Co-operative Union of Ontario, told of the growth of the union movement over the past century.

The January meeting will be of interest to town people as well as the rural residents. An interesting film will be shown, and light refreshments will be served.

The meeting will be held in the Stouffville Masonic Hall on Jan. 11. You are invited to hear how Credit Union can help you.

DEATH NOTICE

At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1955, Edgar A. Storry, in his 74th year, beloved husband of Annie Stouffer, and dear father of Ruth (Mrs. Howard Kee) of Orangeville, and Donald of Callandar. Resting at the chapel of L. E. O'Neill, Stouffville, for services on Friday, December 30, at 2 p.m. Interment Stouffville Cemetery.

CELEBRATES 91st BIRTHDAY AT GORMLEY HOME

Several residents of the Gormley area called on Mr. James Stevens on Tuesday of this week when he celebrated his 91st birthday.

Still hale and hearty, Mr. Stevens was able to enjoy the special birthday cake prepared for the occasion. He has lived for the past fifteen years with his daughter, Mrs. Beulah Jones. Mr. Stevens suffered an attack of thrombosis some six years ago, but still gets around the house, being only slightly impaired in his hearing and sight.

A member of the Brethren in Christ Church at Gormley, Mr. Stevens has attended church regularly until last fall, the severe weather keeping him from attending in the winter months.

Born in England, Mr. Stevens came to Canada in 1888. His wife passed on in 1908. He worked as a gardener, specializing in the growing of flowers. At one time he worked for Sir William Mulock, and the Toronto General Hospital.

Cpl. T. A. Burton and Mrs. Burton and daughter Lee Francine from Foymount, Ont., R.C.A.F. Station; also Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burton and sons Arnold and Howard of Claremont, wife Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Burton.

Man Wins Gold Watch Claremont Potato Club

The Ontario County 500 Bushel Potato Club was a very successful project again this year. Sixteen potato growers completed the project.

Each grower could use any means at his disposal to secure the highest possible yield of marketable potatoes from one acre.

On the basis of both quality and yield, this year's winner was Albert Hockley, Claremont. He received a gold watch donated by the Uxbridge Farmers Co-operative, South Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Ontario County Soil and Crop Improvement Assn. His yield was estimated at 422 bushels per acre. He used the Katabidn variety.

Harry Harper of Goodwood placed second, with a yield of 396 bushels, using the Katabidn variety. Third in yield was Gordon Rymard of Zephyr.

Robert and Gordon Risebrough were high on the dry matter test with a score of 18.2 and 17.8 respectively. Both Robert and Gordon grew the Sebago variety. The average estimated yield for all contestants in the 500 Bushel Potato Club this year was 262 bushels. This was considerably below 1954 when the average was 377 bushels. The lower yields this past season are attributed mostly to the hot, dry weather during the critical growing period. Results of this year's competition follows:

Name & Address Bushels

- Albert Hockley, Claremont 422
- Harry Harper, Goodwood 396
- Gordon Rymard, Zephyr 359
- Robt. Risebrough, Uxbridge 318
- Morley Bagshaw, Uxbridge 308
- Gord. Risebrough, Uxbridge 299
- Gord. Harrison, Uxbridge 293
- Chesley Oldham, Zephyr 264
- Ev. Hockley, Claremont 249
- Les. G. Myers, Goodwood 246
- Horner Walker, Zephyr 228
- Tom Smith, Claremont 223
- Lorne Findlay, Goodwood 194
- Maustyn McKnight, Uxb. 146
- John Myers, Zephyr 144
- Russ Newcomb, Toronto 108

H. E. RAINEY PASSES

Mr. Harold Eugene Rainey of Box Grove, died on December 19, 1955, following a lengthy illness. The funeral was held on the following Wednesday, from the Dixon Funeral Home, with interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Markham.

Surviving are his wife and three children: Joyce, Jack and Gary; his mother, Mrs. G. Rainey, Markham; three sisters, Mrs. E. Raymer (Elda), Montreal; Mrs. T. G. Fisher (Thelma), St. Catharines; Mrs. L. Barnes, (Elora) Toronto; and three brothers, Mervin of Unionville, Glen of Pefferlaw and Clare at home. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Shank, assisted by Rev. Burkholder. Neighbors acted as pallbearers.

CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA

Christmas was a time of good fellowship in Nigeria this year for three families who came originally from the Gormley area. Their work in Africa has separated the group so that they see each other only a few times a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Doner are stationed in Ilorin, Nigeria. With their son Dale, they were hosts to Rev. and Mrs. Willis Hunking and family, who are stationed at Share, Nigeria, and Mr. Ray Hawkins of Lagos, Nigeria.

WEEK OF PRAYER COMING IN UNIONVILLE

Four of the Unionville Churches will be co-operating in January to hold a Week of Prayer. The Lutheran Church will be host on Tuesday, Jan. 10, and the Gospel Centre on the Wednesday. On Jan. 12 the night of prayer will be held in the United Church, while Friday will feature the Anglican Church.

DOOR PRIZE ON THE HOOF



On Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th, a live lamb, two Christmas turkeys and a \$15.00 cash door prize were presented to lucky winners at the Clipper-Oakville intermediate hockey

game. The recipients of the prizes are pictured above. From left to right they are Mrs. Ronnie Bell of Scarborough, Mr. Frank Curtis, Danny O'Boyle and Murray Redshaw

of Stouffville. Mrs. Bell and Murray Redshaw received the fowl while Frank Curtis was the winner of the live 100-lb. lamb. Mr. Harry Ratcliff (not present in picture) won for himself the \$15 cash award.

Christmas Baby Born at Brierbush



On Sunday, Dec. 25th, at 2:30 a.m. a baby son was born to Mrs. Barbara McKay, 9th concession of Whitchurch. It

was the only birth recorded at the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. McKay have

named their new arrival Michael. At birth he weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. There are two sons and two daughters in the McKay family.

Co-ops Put Off Move to Tie With Federation

The United Co-ops of Ontario have given a one-year hoist to a move to effect closer ties between that organization and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

The intent of a resolution presented to the UCO meeting in Toronto last week by vice-president Alden McLean was to seat two federation members of the UCO board and give them full voting rights. C. F. Rice of New Liskeard said the UCO board was not unanimous that federation directors should sit on its board without at least being elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

Some opposition The federation had given approval at its annual meeting for seating two UCO directors on its board. Ultimate aim was to bring the federation and UCO under one roof. There was scattered opposition to the proposal at the federation meeting.

UCO delegates were about evenly split on the matter. When Mr. Rice moved that the resolution be tabled, 130 voted in favor and 127 against. Chairman Erroll Nephew of Woodstock adjourned debate until the next morning session and when debate was resumed the McLean resolution was withdrawn, thus holding the question over until next year.

Proponents of the federation-UKO linkup point out that each organization for some time has exchanged directors on an unofficial basis. If the two joined it would mean stronger finances for the federation and more members for the co-ops. The federation could assist greatly in public relations for the co-ops.

Would Withdraw Those who have expressed opposition to the move say they can't see how a farm group with no commercial affiliations could be successfully linked to the co-ops which are commercial in nature.

A delegate from the Arthur Co-op said that as many of its members had Ontario Farmers Union affiliation, they would withdraw support from the co-op. (This policy has not been officially endorsed by OFU).

Others who expressed opposition said the integration movement "appeared to spring from an underground source" and was of the "if you'll scratch my back, I'll scratch your back" variety. Several lucrative jobs would be created and there was possibility that a monopoly could develop.