



End of an Era

On Thursday, May 19th, the Bell Telephone Co. officially took over control of the Claremont, Stouffville, Gormley circuits, formerly owned and operated by the Stouffville-Bethesda Co. Former Manager, Cliff completing the final call under the system that has been in existence since 1905. —Staff Photo

Local Student to Study in Switzerland



Jocelyn Button, 17, a grade 12 student at the Stouffville Dist. High School, will leave in September for Neuchatel, Switzerland, where she will enroll in the Neuchatel Junior College for her final school year. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Button, O'Brien Avenue.

Neuchatel Junior College was founded in 1956 as part of the University of Neuchatel. It is under the direction of Mr. Leonard Wilde, an Oxford graduate. The college offers a programme completely in English designed to permit Canadian students to finish their last year of High School in Europe. At the same time there will be great opportunity to travel. The city of Neuchatel is ideally located near the borders of France, Germany and Italy. Small weekend tours to places of interest in these countries are permitted providing the student's grades are good. During the Christmas vacation, trips are arranged either to Spain and Morocco, or if the student prefers, a skiing trip to Austria. At Easter a tour of Rome is planned.

All Canadians attending the college go in a group by boat to Europe, then by bus to Neuchatel. At the end of the examinations in June there is a conducted tour of the British Isles prior to sailing for home. Although all lessons are conducted in English and the examinations are identical to those tried in Grade XIII in Canada, there is an excellent opportunity for the students to become fluent in the French language. This is made possible because they are lodged in private homes rather than boarding houses.

Mr. Wilde stresses the fact that the Junior College is not a finishing school. Its program is planned for students who wish to continue their studies at centres of higher education, and who have a real interest in academic excellence. No applicant is accepted unless his standing in Grade XII is extremely good.

Councillor Norman Hogg of Uxbridge Twp. is presently on an overseas tour which is headed by Larry Henderson. TV personality. The tour will visit Russia, and a number of other countries in the Near East.

Mrs. Ethel Mole was the hostess to members of the Stouffville Public Staff, the Board, representatives of the Council and High School at her Rose Ave. home following the Orchard Park School Music Festival on Wednesday evening in the High School auditorium.

The stray dog that attacked eight-year-old Paul Boettger near his Main Street home more than three weeks ago has been destroyed. Local police held the animal for over one week but it was not claimed by its owner.

Mr. Ron Evely, operator of the Fina Service Station on the westerly outskirts of town had a narrow escape recently on No. 47 Highway near the Stouffville Sales Arena. His car rolled over in the ditch after the driver swerved his vehicle off the road to avoid another auto.

W.A. Meeting — The regular meeting of the W.A. was held in the Church Parlor on Monday evening, May 16th, with Mrs. F. Fairies presiding. Mrs. A. Campbell's group took charge of the program. Miss M. Hsieh conducted the Devotions. Miss A. Lehman and Miss Eva Hoover played 2 duets and Miss Janet Brodye gave excerpts from the book — "These My People," by Lillian Dickson, a missionary in Formosa. The meeting closed with a social half hour. Remember the Spring Luncheon in the Sunday School Room on May 25 at 1.15 p.m., at which Mrs. K. Whittaker will speak on Diets.

MUSIC FESTIVALS — Two Musical Festivals were held in the Stouffville United Church recently. The Public Schools of Gormley, Ringwood and Vivian came the first night and gave a most interesting and varied program of singing to a good audience of parents and friends. An added feature this year was a Rhythm Band from the Ringwood School; thanks to the local Home and School Club who provided the instruments.

The second evening the schools of Dickson Hill, Melville and Mount Joy combined to present a delightful evening to another well represented audience. The wide choice of songs and hymns with their varied tempo made both musicals a full evening of continuous pleasure.

FARM SAFETY URGED AT W.I. MEET — Women's Institute members have been asked to put a stop to the dangerous practice of letting six and seven-year-olds operate tractors.

Miss Helen McKercher of the Ontario Department of Agriculture told the W.I. officers conference at the Ontario Agricultural College that an accident survey had revealed that "15 percent of the people operating tractors on Ontario farms are boys of six and seven."

Many "horse-and-buggy practices" are found on Ontario farms, Miss McKercher said. As director of the home economics service, she is gearing her extension program in an effort to change these practices which were revealed in an Ontario farm survey last summer.

Do you always have your Ontario Hospital Insurance certificate in a handy place? It's a good idea to have the number written down with other emergency numbers.

Local and Personal Happenings

Stouffville and Whitchurch municipal councils will each meet this Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Wagg have purchased the residence of Mrs. Albert Hoover, Lloyd Avenue.

Although a brief gasoline price war hit this area last week, the majority of stations are now back to the regular rate scale. During the weekend, some stations at Brougham and one in Gormley were still holding to the 37.9 cent per gallon charge.

Rev. Arthur Walsh, Pastor of the Stouffville United Missionary Church, and Rev. Eldon Botetger, missionary on furlough from Nigeria, are attending the Board Meeting of the United Missionary Society in session at Pontiac, Michigan, from May 17 to 19.

Mr. Barry Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Wilkes, has completed his fourth year at the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph. He will spend the summer months at an animal hospital in Chicago and will return for his final year in September. Murray McMullen of Claremont — a classmate—is working in an animal clinic in Detroit.

Evangelist and Mrs. H. G. Adams left on Tuesday for Mississippi, U.S.A., where Mr. Adams is to preach at a Missionary Convention next week. Travelling with them are Billy and Christine. Since his return from his April Western Canada tour, Mr. Adams has conducted two campaigns — in Bethel Baptist Church, Hamilton, and Crossroads Church, Heaslip.

At home, those in charge are Miss Ruth Chambers, Miss Viola Gogolin and Danny Elk. After June 1, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goodman, presently of Bayfield, will join the mission staff. They will reside at the Albert Street house of the Evangelical Mission.

The Hastings clan gathered at the home of Mrs. R. W. Morningstar in Toronto on Sunday last to celebrate her mother's (Mrs. Stan Hastings) birthday, also to say Bon voyage to Dr. John Hastings who leaves on a tour of India, Russia, China and Indonesia. His mother, Mrs. Elgin Hastings will accompany him to the British Isles and then tour the Scandinavian Countries.

The May meeting of the United Church Afternoon Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was held in the church parlours. Mrs. B. Sanders was at the piano. Mrs. A. Dowswell presided in the absence of the President, Mrs. Crouch and Miss V. Mullan acted as secretary in Mrs. Williams' absence.

After the call to worship, the secretaries of the various departments reported. Mrs. W. D. Atkinson reminded the members that the Mission Bazaar will be packed in the Church basement on Monday, May 30th. Mrs. Atkinson had on display fourteen pairs of hand-knitted socks for Korean Relief, donated by Mrs. Coleman.

Mrs. March, reporting for Christian Citizenship, told us that it is 200 years since John Howard began his prison reform work, using money left him by his father to promote prison reform. Mrs. Wood, Christian Stewardship Secretary, read an urgent appeal from that Department of York Presbyterial.

The allocation for 1960 is raised from \$700.00 to \$750.00. A motion was carried to increase the allocation. Miss V. Mullan reported for Mrs. Holden, Community Friendship Secretary. A total of one hundred and three calls were made during March and April.

Mrs. R. Winterstein conducted the Worship Service — "A Meditation on Brotherhood."

Mrs. S. W. Hastings carried on the review of the Study book "Africa Disturbed". She pointed out the value of radio and television in Africa. It was six weeks after the close of the First World War, before news of the Armistice reached some parts of Africa. Now news can be spread in a few hours. Women of Africa are often on the air broadcasting news of sewing, child care, cooking, etc. Educational films are being introduced into the schools of Africa. All broadcasts in Africa have a religious touch. Films can help Africans to better understand the other nations of the world. The Africans do wonderful work in sculpture. They carve very delicate figurines and ivory is a real part of creative Africa. Some of their textiles are beautifully woven, often having spiritual symbols interwoven. There are many skilled craftsmen in copper. Art can penetrate the spirit and evangelize the soul of the African.

Mrs. Floyd Fairles rendered a piano solo and the meeting closed with the singing of "Unto the Hills".

Mr. Ira Rusnell, Baker Ave., has returned home after receiving treatment in the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Mrs. Laidlaw of Kincardine is spending a short while with her sister, Mrs. Magnus Mowat, Main St.

Remember the giant fireworks display in Stouffville Memorial Park this coming Monday evening, the 24th of May holiday night. Action is scheduled to commence at 9 p.m.

The parents of P.C. and Mrs. Harry Heatherington, Mill St., were weekend visitors here. Mr. and Mrs. C. Copeland of Honeywood, Ont., spent Sunday at the Heatherington home and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Heatherington returned home to Burks Falls, Ont., on Tuesday.

Norman Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cec. Hendricks, William St., has completed his first year at McMaster University, Ham'ron. He will be employed in his father's hardware store during the summer.

Garrett Evening Auxiliary — The Garrett Evening Auxiliary met in the United Church parlours on May 11th with 30 ladies present. Mrs. Storey, the President, presided for the business and Miss Eva Hoover, Vice-Pres., for the remainder of the meeting.

Miss Emma Winn conducted the Devotional and Mrs. Nigh and Mrs. Storey favoured with a vocal duet.

Guest speaker was Miss Miriam Heise of Gormley. Miss Heise is a Missionary teacher recently returned from Africa and she gave a most interesting talk, illustrated with pictures, of her work abroad.

The bazaar on display in the Nursery Department of the Sunday School. A social half-hour was enjoyed.

W.M.S. Meeting — The St. James Auxiliary, of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. D. R. McKillican, Markham. The president, Mrs. B. Davidson opened the meeting with a hymn and prayer. After the business, the study period was conducted by Mrs. Osborn and her group. An imaginary trip through part of Africa, and interviews with workers and natives made a very interesting study. The remarkable work of Mary Slessor among the African people was reviewed. The devotions were taken by Miss M. Stirling. A social time was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Staff Banquet — Employees of the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co. enjoyed a dinner on Wednesday evening at the Yangtze Pagoda as guests of the Company. The banquet was arranged as a farewell get-together prior to the completion of sale to the Bell Telephone Co. There were more than thirty employees, their wives and friends present, as well as company directors. The President, Glenn Ratcliff spoke to the gathering, briefly reviewed the history of the company and expressed appreciation to the employees for their service and wished them success in their new employment.

Bill Kirton replied to Mr. Ratcliff's expression of appreciation, on behalf of the linemen, and Miss Olive Hutchinson spoke for the operators. Presentations were made to Messrs. Del Jennings, Clay Tarr and Bert Beacom who will not be joining the Bell Company, also to their wives. Both Mr. Jennings and Mr. Tarr have long records of service with the Bethesda & Stouffville Company.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kennedy of the Kennedy Chiropractic Clinic, Unionville, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this summer with a trip to Russia and the European continent.

Native to Vaughan township, the Kennedys settled in Unionville in 1917 when Arthur opened one of the first chiropractic offices in the district. They have interesting stories to tell of 43 years of pioneering in the field of non-medical healing.

Their five children are entertaining for them on Saturday afternoon and evening, June 4, at the Kennedy residences on Kennedy Road, south of Unionville. An open invitation has been extended to all their friends.

They leave by air, June 27 for New York and London and take in such cities as Brussels, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Warsaw, Prague, Bayreuth, Munich and Paris.

The Passion Play at Oberammergau, held only one year in 10, is one of the highlights of their trip. Another is an effort to assess the facilities for chiropractic care in Russia.

After their continental trip, the Kennedys will spend several weeks in the British Isles, visiting friends.

Mr. Jack Rae of Haliburton is presently in the Hospital at Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stover celebrated their 24th Wedding Anniversary on Monday.

Mr. Will Reesor, Church St., is able to be out again, after being confined to his home with a bad knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Toronto have moved into the apartment recently completed by Mr. Erle Lehman, Main St.

As of May 27th, one of Stouffville's beauty salons will close out business after a period of thirteen years. Mrs. Verna Austin who has operated the Joy Beauty Salon for this long period, is giving up the trade. The salon has enjoyed a good patronage and Mrs. Austin's many friends will wish her well as she decides to take life a little easier.

Congratulations are due Mr. Gordon Tarr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tarr, Lloyd Ave., on winning the Senior Championship in the Track and Field Day program held Friday at Lorne Park College. Gordon won 7 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third. He was also last year's Junior Champion.

Catholic Women's League — The annual Dinner and Dance was held recently at Cedar Brae Golf and Country Club by the Saint Patrick's Church Bowling League of Markham. The captain of the winning team was presented with the "Father Carvell Trophy" and individual cups were given to the members of this team. Members of the losing team were presented with "crying towels." Reverend Father O'Neil was Master of Ceremonies.

The Annual meeting of Council for Presbyterian Churches was held last week in Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Mrs. A. G. Thompson, Albert St., was re-elected for her 4th term as President of the Women's Missionary Society of Canada (Western Division).

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