

From Tribune files

of 43 years ago

A.E. Button Hardware Store sold

What was Front Page news in The Tribune forty-three years ago? To find out, the editor leafed through the files of January, 1936. Here are some of the stories he found.

E. A. Button announced the sale of his hardware business to his head clerk, Allan Goudie. Mr. Button had operated the store for a period of 30 years; the first ten in the Ratcliff Block. In 1915, he acquired the premises from the late W. R. Sanders and moved to the north side of Main Street.

Only a handful of ratepayers turned out for the annual nomination meeting, described by The Tribune as a "wash-out". The entire council was returned by acclamation including reeve H. W. Sanders; councillors M. E. Watts, R. E. Brown, Walter Brillinger, A. E. Weldon and school trustees Dr. Herb Freer, Edw. Baker and Lloyd Turner.

The Stouffville Continuation School Literary Society met Jan. 17. Prizes for an amateur contest were presented to Elrie Thompson, Jean

Pugh, Gertrude Winn and Grace Lehman. The School Paper was read by editor Morley Brown followed by musical selections by Marlon Baxter, Grace Lehman, Clarion Baker and Margaret Ball.

The following attendance figures were recorded at Sunday Schools within the village — On Jan. 19 — United Church, 140; Menonite Church, 70; Christian Church, 45; Baptist Church, 40 and Presbyterian Church, 15.

Police conducted a raid on the Fong Bros. Chinese Cafe in Stouffville and laid charges against the proprietors of keeping a common gambling house. Twenty-four found-ins were also charged.

A memorial service in honor of the late King George V was held in the Stouffville United Church and was largely attended. The choir was directed by Robt. Leslie with Anne Lehman at the organ. Prof. Thos. Mitchell gave the memorial address. The Last Post was sounded by Ormsby Leh-

man, Rev. W. H. Fuller (Presbyterian) pronounced the invocation; Rev. Isaac Brubaker (Menonite), read the lesson; Rev. Chas. McGrath, (Stouffville Baptist) and Rev. W. E. Smalley (Sixth Line Baptist) offered prayers and Rev. Thos. Laidlaw (United), pronounced the benediction. A solo selection was rendered by Carl Roadway. The chairman was reeve H. W. Sanders. Veterans, representing the army, navy and airforce and under the command of president Ralph Burkholder, marched in a body to the church.

Dr. W. A. Sangster, Medical Officer of Health, announced the holding of a clinic for pre-school and school age children to provide Toxin shots following an outbreak of scarlet fever. At a meeting for the official board of Stouffville United Church, Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, the pastor for six years, announced his resignation, effective at the end of June.

A Short Course in Agriculture concluded with a banquet in Stouffville's Ratcliff Hall with more than 200 present. The program included a

trio-Edra Burkitt, Gladys and Doreen Lehman; a solo by Luella Gayman and a boys trio, Lorne Tindall, Floyd Forsyth and John Keeler. The following prizes were presented: General Proficiency, Blanche Atkinson, Bethesda; Edna Sinclair, Ringwood; Harley Wideman, Duncan Spang, Chester Sommerville, and Lorne Tindall. Highest Standing in Home Economics — Helen Abell and Sadie Evans.

At the congregational meeting of the Stouffville United Church, contributions for general purposes totalled \$3,529, five hundred dollars short of expenditures. Over \$1,200 was contributed to the Missionary - Maintenance Fund. The Board of Stewards was increased from seven to 14 including — F. E. Rae, Clay Stouffer, H. A. Sanders, Isaac Barkey, Roy Curtis, A. V. Nolan, Ormsby Lehman, Leslie Hodgson, Wash. Paisley, J. R. Hodgins, Roland Winn, Floyd Fairies and S. W. Hastings.

George Hamby was elected President of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society for 1936. The 1st vice-president was A. H. Crosby; 2nd vice-president, W. G. Maxwell; honorary president, W. H. Crosby, R. R. Corson, A.J.H. Eckardt and R. P. Armstrong; directors — James Torrance, Kenneth Frentice, H. C. Morris, A. L. Smith, Albert Wideman, Wm. Petch, Wm. L. Clark, Ken Deacon, George Padget, Wesley Pipher, Fred Coakwell, John Armstrong, J. W. Warriner, Jim Rennie, Fred Bagg, H. C. Hamill, Maurice Hamill, Thos. Harding, Lyman Kennedy, Walter Milne, John Scott, George Rodan and Jesse Cook.

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Born Jan. 1

A baby boy

By Evelyn Milled GORMLEY — The community extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Collins on the arrival of a baby boy, Aaron Thomas, born New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Collins and son have moved into the home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Wells and family are now living in their new residence at Stouffville, RR 4.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lloyd Doner and Bruce Timbers in the death of their father, Win Timbers in Scarborough Centenary Hospital, Saturday. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in Stouffville.

Mrs. Jack Wright underwent surgery, Thursday, in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. She is progressing well.

Ken Brash had surgery on his nose last week in York Central Hospital.

Alvin Farmer has been moved from Scarborough Centenary Hospital to the nursing

wing of Parkview Home, Stouffville.

Mrs. Delbert Baker welcomed another granddaughter, Esther, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Honsberger of Barrie, Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sloss, formerly of Gormley welcomed a baby sister for their three sons, Jan. 5.

A number from our community attended the funeral service for Mr. Walter Thomson, Friday afternoon in the Missionary Church at Markham.

The M.Y.F. will meet at 7:30 p.m., Fri., Jan. 12, at the Missionary Church.

A family skating party of the Missionary Church will be held at 7:30 p.m., Sat., Jan. 13 at the Youth Centre.

A Communion service will be observed at 11 a.m., Sun., Jan. 14 at the Missionary Church. A hymn sing will be held at the 7:30 p.m. service.

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Former pastor passes

VIC. SQUARE — News of the passing of Rev. A.C. Huston, was received with regret by residents of this community. Rev. Huston was a minister here for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Gee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham, Stanley DeFoe and sister, and Mrs. Jim Barker attended the funeral service in Peterborough, Saturday.

A speedy recovery is wished for Bill Boyd, a patient in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. The annual Sunday School and community skating party will be held on Sat., Jan. 27 at Cedarena from 2 to 3 p.m., followed by sleigh and toboggan rides.

The monthly meeting of the U.C.W. will be held Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m., in the Sunday School room of the church. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Tooley, married 30 years, Jan. 8.

Birthday greetings to John Hill, Jan. 9; Andrew Hart, one year, Jan. 16; Mayor Tony Roman, Jan. 17; Wm. Sandle, Jan. 17. Darlene Nichols, seven years, Jan. 17.

Three arrested

Last month, a breakin occurred at the Stouffville Co-operative on Edward Street. Tools and clothing were reported stolen, valued at \$2,500. Following investigation, police have charged three persons, one with break, entry and theft and two with possession of stolen property.

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