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What was 'big news' forty-seven years ago in Stouffville and district? What were folks talking about on the street-corners and over the line fence? To find out, the editor dusted off The Tribune file dated Dec. 1922 and Jan. 1933. Here are some of the things he found.

the village to the Christmas tree in front of the Municipal Hall. Dogs were hitched to sleighs, carts and wagons.

G.A.M. Davidson at Unionville announced the receipt of licence markers for 1933. The purchase price was: Passenger Cars - Four cylinder, \$7; Six cylinder up to and including 28 horsepower, \$12; Six cylinder over 28 horsepower, \$15; Eight cylinder up to and including 35 horsepower, \$15; Eight cylinder over 35 horsepower, \$20; Twelve cylinder, \$30 and sixteen cylinders, \$40.

An unusual accident occurred at Dickson's Hill between 7 and 8 p.m., when Henry Grove, a senior resident of the community, was hit by his nephew, Ross Wideman, riding a bicycle. Both fell heavily to the road and were knocked unconscious. The cyclist, a Second Form student at Stouffville Continuation School, had three teeth knocked out. The young man was travelling south while Mr. Grove was walking north towards home. The collision occurred on the bridge at the foot of two hills.

The Swastika Society of the Stouffville United Church elected the following officers for 1933: Hon. President - Rev. Thos. Laidlaw; President - Elmer Still; Assoc. President - Miss G.A. Brooks; Vice-President of Christian Fellowship - Rev. H. Lee; Vice-President of Christian Citizens Committee - H. O. Klinck; and Agnes Klinck; Vice-President of World Travel and Missionary Committee - Eva Hoover and Ann Lehman; Vice-President of the Literary Committee - Luella Gayman and Pearl Styles; Vice-President of

the Social Committee - Miss L. Holden and Violet Hoover; Recreation - Doris Ross and Agnes Loyst; Lookout - Jane Burkitt; Secretary - Charles Nolan; Asst. Secretary - Jack Penock; Treasurer - Wilbur Gower; Missionary Treasurer - Mrs. H. Lee; Pianist - Myrtle Watson; Asst. Pianist - Mary Laidlaw; Editor-in-Chief - Hugh Thomas; Reporters - John Button, Murray Holden and Edra Burkitt.

Stouffville defeated Uxbridge 5-2 in the opening game of the Intermediate Hockey League. Stan Slack was the winner's top star with two goals. Others in the lineup were - Allan Hoover, goal; N. Wagg and Art Wideman, defence; Gar Lehman, centre; Harold Lewis and R. Nendick, wings; Dinty Hodgins, Stan Slack, E. Wagg and F. McNair, subs.

A tragic fire on the 9th Concession of Markham Township, took the lives of Owen and Matilda Graham. Their two children, Lawrence, 7 and Laurel, 11, were able to escape through a window. They ran to the home of Fred Coakwell and the Unionville Fire Brigade was called. The two-storey home was destroyed.

Annual Commencement Exercises were held for the students of Stouffville Continuation School with Dr. S.S. Ball, the chairman. Dr. Herb Free presented Departmental Diplomas to Edra and Mildred Burkitt; Norman Little, Grace and Norma Paisley; Ella Slack, Charles and Glenn Ratcliff; Edra Burkitt was the valedictorian. First class honor students in Agriculture were - Margaret Ball, Eral Croser, Clarion Baker, Mildred Leppard, Grace Lehman, Marie Brown, Jack Stephens and Doug Tidy; Geography - Sam Anderson, Alan Baker, Margaret Ball, Grace Lehman, Margaret Schmidt, Doug Tidy and Vera Topham; History - Sam Anderson, Margaret Ball, Gordon Birkett, Edith Borinsky, Harry Brown, George Byer, Alfred Thomas, James Thomas, Doug Tidy and Vera Topham; Art - Marion Lotton, Doris Foote and Clarion Baker; Literature - Alan Baker, Edith Borinsky, Margaret Ball and Doug Tidy; Algebra - Edna Agnew, Sam Anderson, Alan Baker, Margaret Ball, Pauline Boadway, Edith Borinsky, George Byer, Margaret Forsyth, Murray Holden, Keith Hutchinson, Grace Lehman, Mildred Leppard, Marion Rusnell, Cora Soden, Jack Stephens and Florence Tindall.

Sam Fretz of the 9th Concession of Pickering suffered a badly scalded leg when he slipped into a trough of boiling water that had been prepared for a pig. Folks close by witnessed the accident and grabbed him or the injury could have been much worse.

R.E. Curtis on Main Street announced a clearing sale on men's winter overcoats, \$15 and boys' winter coats, five dollars.

At A.W. Atkinson's Superior Store in Stouffville, peameal bacon was selling for 20 cents a pound; butter, two pounds for 49 cents; plum jam, 40 oz. jar, 19 cents; Monarch flour, 7 pound bag, 20 cents; Blueboy coffee, one pound, 29 cents and Superior tea, 35 cents a pound.

The seventh annual installation ceremonies of the Jubilee Chapter Order of the Eastern Star followed a banquet in Ratcliff's Hall. Officers installed were - Worthy Matron, Jane Birkett; Worthy Patron, E.M. Still; Associate Matron, Mrs. J. Borinsky; Associate Patron, Wm. Griffith; Secretary, Mrs. George Storey; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Dotsen; Chaplain, Mrs. Susan Shankel; Marshal, Mrs. Hugh Boyd; Organist, Anne Lehman; Conductress, Mrs. Howard Malloy; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Lud Hoover; Ada, Mrs. J.A. Muston; Ruth, Mrs. Thos. Birkett; Esther, Mrs. S.S. Ball; Martha, Mrs. J. Ridouth; Electa, Luella Holden; Warder, Mrs. Alf Pugh; Sentinel, J. Borinsky.

A reduction in salaries for all Markham Township officials as well as council members themselves became effective at a special meeting in Unionville. Clerk G.A.M. Davidson received a cut from \$1,500 to \$1,200; road superintendent Wm. Maxwell from \$1,500 to fifty cents an hour; Constable Walker from \$40 to \$35 a month with mileage at 6 1/2 cents. The councillors' stipend was reduced from \$5 to \$4 a day plus ten cents a mile. The reeve and deputy reeve were paid seven dollars per day.

The Stouffville community was shocked to learn of the drowning accident involving Roy Brilling of Orillia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roy fell through thin ice when he attempted to walk across Lake Atherley to Orillia. He was 46 at the time.

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# Farmers instal standby power

When the power goes off in the city, people worry about darkness and the food in the freezer. But on the farm, a power failure can mean serious financial loss to the farmer.

Many farm operations depend on a steady supply of electricity," says Lloyd Swackhammer, of the University of Guelph School of Engineering. "For example, if the power is off for just a short time in a poultry operation, the farmer may lose some of the birds."

Because of the importance of electricity to the modern farm, many farmers install emergency or standby power systems which generate electricity during a power failure. "There are basically three types of standby power systems," says Mr. Swackhammer. "By far the most popular is the tractor-driven generator which is driven by the PTO (Power Take-Off) of a standard farm tractor. Diesel tractors are more efficient for this purpose than gas tractors, however, diesel tractors need electrical heat to start in cold weather."

The other types of generators include the smaller, engine-driven generator and the large, fully automatic, self-powered unit that switches on when the regular power supply goes off. Automatic generators cost many times more than their tractor-driven counterparts. The tractor-driven generator is usually permanently installed inside a farm building that is easily accessible to the farm tractor. Installing the generator at the main hydro pole is a popular practice, but farmers sometimes find it difficult to get the tractor out to the pole in bad weather.

For new farm electrical installations, Mr. Swackhammer suggests running power lines from all of the critical equipment to a central building housing the generator. This saves the farmers from running around to turn off all extraneous equipment before switching over to farm generated power.

"The most important aspect of installation is the double-throw transfer switch," says Mr. Swackhammer. "This mandatory switch protects the lineman from electrical shock when repairing power lines, and protects the farm generator from damage when the regular power is restored."

Tractor driven generators are available in several sizes, but they usually are not designed to handle the full electrical load of the farm. To determine the size of generator you need, determine the total number of kilowatts required by all of the necessary equipment. If you are in doubt about the power requirements of a piece of equipment, contact your local Ontario Hydro office.

# Must apply for grants

**STOUFFVILLE**  
 The Whitechurch-Stouffville Recreation Committee will meet on Wed., Feb. 6 in the municipal offices. Grant applications from various Town organizers will be received and discussed. A time schedule will be arranged in advance by Molly McManningwell, the secretary-treasurer. Officers and members follow: Chairman - John Hutchinson; Vice-Chairman - Cliff Dunkeld; Secretary - Treasurer - Molly McManningwell; Jim Doble, Jim Sanders, Dave Summerfeldt, Cliff Glover and Heather Glenn.

# Candidates on Cable 10

Unlike the leaders of the three main political parties, the three top contenders in York-Peel had no trouble getting together for a television "confrontation" on Thursday (tonight). Paul Bennett talks to Sinclair Stevens (Conservative); John Hall (New Democrat) and Wally Harkness (Liberal) in a program called "Counterpart" over Cable 10, Richmond Hill. Viewing times are 7, 9 and 11 p.m., also 7 p.m. Sunday.

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