

Earthquake shook the town in 1935

What was 'big news' in Stouffville and district 45 years ago? To find out, The Tribune's editor dusted off the file from November 1935 and found the following stories.

The Stouffville area felt the tremors of an earthquake as houses shook, dishes rattled and folks bounced out of bed wondering if it was all part of a Halloween prank. Farmers in Whitchurch Township reported their cows bawling and chickens cackling during the night. There was no report of any serious property damage and no one was injured.

A Jersey cow belonging to Murray Dunkeld of Atha (8th Concession of Pickering), gave birth to triplets. Unfortunately, none of the off-spring lived. For

the nine year old bovine, it was her fifteenth including five pairs of twins.

The North York Plowmen's Association held their annual match on the farm of Walter Blanchard, north of Vancor. The award for the Best Plowed Land went to Alex Black of Guelph. The youngest competitor was 12 year old Jimmy Benton of Queensville. Some of the participants included - Russel Jarvis, Milliken; Ralph Smith, Uxbridge; Floyd Stecker, Stouffville; Walter Booth, Locust Hill; Norman Stecley, Stouffville; Ed Ferguson, Stouffville; Jimmy Lee, Greenbank; Lewis Wells, Lemonville; Harold Rose, Mount Albert; Joe Tran, Claremont; Bert Smith, Gormley; Mel Emmerson, Stouffville; Les

Smith, Gormley; James Rae, Stouffville; Egin Walker, Markham and Stanley Hall, Stouffville.

In connection with the United Church anniversary, the Women's Association put on a hot roast beef supper. Admission was: Adults - 35 cents; Children - 20 cents.

Work was started on the construction of a mausoleum, north of Uxbridge in the Township of Scott—a memorial to the forefathers of Thomas Foster, a native of Uxbridge and former mayor of Toronto. The cost was estimated at \$100,000.

An auction sale on the farm of Aaron Storry, Conc. 2, Uxbridge, attracted a large crowd and high prices. Total receipts were \$1,400. A horse brought \$51; young cattle, \$30 each and a sow

with twelve pigs, \$68. The auctioneer was Alvin Farmer.

Would-be thieves entered the property of Brillinger Bros. during the night and attempted to make off with a quantity of cauliflower. However, a watchman was waiting. He fired his gun and the culprits fled, leaving seven bags behind them. Said Tribune: "With cauliflower selling at \$1 per dozen, the crop is a valuable one and the owners intend to protect it."

Les Harper, owner of the only pair of mules in Whitchurch Township, entered them as a team in the North York Plowing Match near his property. Bert Lewis of Glasgow reported harvesting 90 bags of potatoes from half an

acre of land on the second concession of Uxbridge. George Maynard of Markham was the contractor to erect a new skating rink in Uxbridge. Ratepayers voted approval of \$3,000 for the project.

The turnip market sagged to a low of eight cents a bushel. Rather than accept this price, most farmers are storing their crops and will use the roots for feed.

About a dozen Stouffville war veterans paraded to the Memorial Gates at the entrance to the Park on Armistice Day where a public service was held. Reeve H.S. Sanders officiated. Ministers in attendance included - Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, Rev. W.H. Fuller and Rev. J.J. Robbins. Mrs. Hutchinson, mother of a boy

killed in action in France, laid the wreath for the Province of Ontario.

Forty-five Junior Farmers competed in the home plowing competition for York County—an all-time record. William Doherty was the judge. The following were prize winners: William Tapscott, Milliken; Lewis Wells, Lemonville; Allan Gray, Stouffville; Cameron Kennedy, Agincourt; Ross Couperthwaite, Agincourt; Andrew McClure, Woodbridge; Allan Crone, Mount Albert; Denzil Oldham, Mount Albert; Mel Emmerson, Stouffville; Roy Smith, Gormley; Hartley Sellers, Agincourt; Russell Harrison, Mount Albert and Alex Hunter, Mount Albert. York County's entry in the provincial match at

Caledonia was honored for their first place finish. Members were: Ivan Raymer, Milliken; Norman Jarvis, Milliken and Lewis Wells, Lemonville.

Last year, The Tribune reported William Crosby of Buffalo made an offer, whereby three leading Unklesville citizens will bring the control of that area back to the community. A committee was formed, taking a lease on the property at one dollar a year. A five-member board of managers appointed for a one-year period included - E.J. Silver, chairman; H.H. Powers, Charles Maynard, Ed Dixon and J.W. Perkin, Secretary-Treasurer.

Damage estimated at \$10,000 in a blaze on Stouffville's Main Street

that completely destroyed Hugh Anderson's business and residence and damaged Silver Bros. flour and feed shop and Harding's barbershop. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, their daughter Kathleen and their son Myron all escaped in their night clothing.

Robert (Bobby) Thomas, a pupil at S.S. No. 19, Markham, was named the best public speaking student in York County. The competition was held in the York County building, Toronto. Second was Doris Hollingshead, RR 2, King and third, Edna Wells, Whitchurch Township.

Stouffville's Jr. Hockey Club played at Maple Leaf Gardens in the second round of the S.P.A. series. The lineup for the local team included - Vic Paxton in

goal; Sam Anderson, Red Brillingier, Lou Morden, Murray Holden and Chub Spencey. The boys were coached by Max Reesor.

A tragic accident occurred at a level crossing on Hwy. No. 7 near Langstaff, when a car driven by Robert Miller was struck by a C.N.R. train, travelling about 55 miles per hour. Mr. Miller and his wife, Jessie, were both killed instantly. They were residents of Stouffville and en route to Hamilton to visit a son, Barstow for the day. Robert Miller was known across the country for his interest in livestock, including sheep and beef cattle. He was president of the Canadian National Exhibition in 1923—the first farmer to hold this position. He was also the first president of the Bethesda and Stouffville Telephone Association. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J.J. Robbins, rector of Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville. The cortege was one of the longest seen in the village, taking 15 minutes to pass a given point. Pall bearers were - Andrew Miller, Claremont; Wm. Dryden, Brooklin; Robert Scott, Claremont; Dr. H.B. Freil, A.C. Burkholder and Dr. E.S. Barker of Stouffville; J.A. MacLeod, Hon. Duncan

Marshall, Dr. S.S. Ball, K.R. Davis, John Miller Sr., John Miller Jr., James Douglas and Mart. Gardhouse.

Hodgins' Grocery, Main Street West, Stouffville, was selling white and brown sugar, 10 pounds for 50 cents; 1 lb. tin of Clover Leaf salmon, 11 cents; large pkg. Kellogg's All- Bran, 19 cents; Dad's Cookies, 12 cents per dozen; five bars of Palmolive soap, 12 cents; Mother Parker's Orange Pekoe Tea, half pound, 29 cents.

For the second year in a row, C.J. Brodie of Stouffville won the International Livestock Exposition Award in Chicago with a carload of sheep and lambs.

A serious two-vehicle accident occurred on Stouffville's Main Street when a car driven by Fred Todd crashed into the rear of a truck owned by Harry Paisley. The top of the Todd car was demolished but the driver suffered only minor injuries.

Receipts totalled \$3,000 at an auction sale on the property of the late Otto Baker. A fresh cow brought \$82.50; a seven year old mare, \$150; a calf, \$4.50; a seed drill, \$50; a hay rake, \$30; a binder, \$38 and a walking plow, \$15.50. Potatoes sold for 90 cents a bag.

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The Library UNICEF card sale

We're a cautious lot at the library. Despite all the reassurances around town that Christmas is coming, we never take it for a fact till Carol McDermott arrives at our doors with her UNICEF cards. She's our harbinger of the festive season.

This year, Carol and her helpers will set up their display in the usual spot inside our front entrance on Nov. 21. The UNICEF cards, calendars and writing paper will be on sale during library hours (except Sunday): Tues-Fri., 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Suggestions

Now, while you're in for cards, take time to look at a few items of local interest that would make fine stocking stuffers. There's the Arena plate for \$5, the Museum plate (\$3.50) and mug (\$3), a colorful map of early Stouffville (\$2), a set of ten historical sketches (\$2.50), Jean Barkey's book on Stouffville (\$14.95) and, for the bargain-hunter who hasn't got one already, a free library membership card.

Writers' Workshop

We're doodling with the possibility of running a writers' workshop, an evening a month when members' writing efforts would be informally presented then gently criticized or praised. Whether it will move beyond the idea stage depends on the response, so if anyone is interested, please contact the library.

What's in a name?

Perhaps it wasn't mentioned before that Nutum (pronounced Nutoom), the name of our library sculpture, is Latin for "nod of approval". It's a name that seems very apt for an abstract that sways portentously at every breezy Sacred Heart and St. Provocation. Roger Robert Catholic High Glazin of Fairview Ave.,

who submitted the entry, explains his choice this way: "Once in ancient Rome a senator nodding approval of a point in debate inadvertently stepped into a time warp. While whisked through time-space an accretion of heavy elements built around him 'til fate deposited him before our library, forever to nod in agreement no matter how the wind is blowing."

The Libbers' Lament

Nutum, being (according to a perceptive sculptologist) of masculine gender, was certainly nodding approval after the results of the municipal election. However, the library's political pundit and poet reports that the Town's lady libbers were downright dismayed:

The lady libbers are far from jovial.

An all-male Council in Whitchurch - Stouffville!

That chauvinist prayer's fulfilled again: Forever and ever ah, men!

Open new Centre

YORK REGION - The York Region Catholic School Board has a new Education Centre. It is located at 21 Dunlop Street in Richmond Hill, next to St. Mary Immaculate Church. The new facility contains a board room, a teacher centre and offices for the administration and consultant staff.

Approval for construction was granted in May, 1978. The project was started in the fall of '79.

To introduce the public to the Centre, an "open house" is set for Sunday, Nov. 30 from 1:30 apt for an abstract that to 3:30 p.m. Tours will be conducted by students of every breezy Sacred Heart and St. Provocation. Roger Robert Catholic High Glazin of Fairview Ave.,

Orchestra hosts concert

YORK REGION - 4907 and the Red Door, King City (833-5320).

The magnificent architecture of the Shrine, combined with the excellent acoustics, makes it the perfect setting for the beautiful sounds of Christmas music. The Shrine's pipe organ is a combination of two, one donated by the Eaton estate in King and the other from the Seagram mansion in Rosedale.

A program, designed to capture the enthusiasm of the entire family, is under the direction of Clifford Poole.

York Symphony Orchestra is presenting its annual Christmas Concert, Fri., Dec. 5 and Sat., Dec. 6 at Marylake Shrine, one mile north of King City on Keele Street. Program times each evening is 8:30 p.m.

Tickets (\$4.50 adults; \$2.50 for students and senior citizens) are available at Budd's Music Store, Newmarket (895-9961); Music Shoppe, Thornhill (889-2042); Cosmo Music, Richmond Hill (884-4722); Crafts of the Pioneer, Aurora (727-