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POLICE GIVE BANDITS A HOT CHASE

Excitement ran high along Main street on Friday night due to the presence of several cars filled with County and Provincial police, and to the story that a bandit gang was expected to raid this town that evening.

For some weeks past daring robberies have been committed in the towns and villages all around Toronto, the chief attacks having been made at Port Perry, Port Credit, Unionville, and Markham village. Cash, sweaters, victory bonds, cigarettes, etc. have been stolen, and the suspected robbers are said to be a gang of daring bandits, well armed, and a very dangerous lot.

The bandits travelled in a black Cadillac car, with license number 66209, and were cited near Greenbank, east of Uxbridge town, about two o'clock on Friday afternoon by Provincial Constable Ward. An exchange of shots took place, and the robbers then eluded their pursuer. At five o'clock the car passed through Stouffville and was noticed going through Ringwood. At Unionville it took on gas and had a temporary repair made at the garage there. During this stop by-standers overheard the strangers discussing Stouffville, and the C.N.R. station here, when they became suspicious. Provincial police from Toronto were soon on the spot, but beyond giving chase and citing the bandit's car for a few minutes, nothing happened.

It is evident that the police anticipated a raid on Stouffville station or some other point in the town that evening, judging from the number of police cars calling here through the night. One car in charge of Prov. Constable Taylor came up from Oshawa, two others came from Toronto in charge of Constable Ward and the other in charge of Detective Boyd, as well as several C.N.R. police from Lindsay and Peterboro, all armed with revolvers or rifles. Constable Pennock and Messrs. Charlie and Richard Ward composed the local force, and did picket duty throughout the night. Men were placed at the various main roads and many side roads in the hope of landing the bandits, but things were evidently too hot for them and they kept low somewhere. On Saturday morning their car was abandoned near Manchester, the robbers evidently escaping on a passing train from that point.

**CITIZENS HONOR
BASEBALL CLUB**

The citizens of Stouffville showed their appreciation of good sport, when on Friday evening they banqueted the local baseball club, and presented fifteen beautiful white wool sweaters to the members. The honor was done in Ratcliff's hall. About 7 o'clock some 150 people sat down to the banquet tables prepared by the ladies of the community and which were fit to grace the halls of Windsor Castle. Following the luncheon community "sing" was enjoyed with Mr. Stanley St. John of Uxbridge at the piano. Mr. W. J. Thompson ably acted as toastmaster, in a happy manner, and conducted the evening's program to a successful finish.

Three toasts were called, the King proposed by the toastmaster; the Ladies, proposed by Mr. Robt. Miller, Pres. of the Canadian National Exhibition, and responded to by Mr. Tommy Thompson of Toronto, and Mr. Underwood of Markham; Our Guests, proposed by Mr. F. L. Button and responded to by President, Dr. Sangster, Manager W. J. Mather and several members of the ball team, including Messrs. Paul Boudway, M. Lennox, Max Reesor, Bruce Lehman and Dr. Norman Dales.

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of sweaters made by Reeve-J. S. Dougherty.

This year the ball team were within reach of winning the O.B.A. Ontario Championship, when Pitcher Lennox met with a serious accident, which put him out of the game. Manager Mather was loudly acclaimed when he predicted that next year he hoped to have the banquet table graced by the presence of the Ontario championship cup.

CITIZENS HONOR BASEBALL CLUB

LOCUST HILL

On the morning of Friday, Sept. 12th, the hand of death was laid upon one of the most loved and respected residents of Locust Hill, in the person of Miss A. A. Button. She was born at Buttonville, Markham township, in the year 1839, the eldest daughter of the late Lieut. Col. and Margaret Button. She joined the Methodist church at the age of eighteen and since that time has led a consistent, helpful Christian life. She was one of the first teachers in the Locust Hill Sunday school, which position she held for over fifty years. She was missionary collector for twenty-one years, organist of the church for a number of years and a member of the Women's Missionary Society. She was an invalid for nearly five years before. On Monday, Sept. 15th, after service at the home, she remains were laid to rest in the Locust Hill cemetery. Miss Button leaves to mourn her loss three sisters, Mrs. Theo. Hagerman, of Woodville, Mrs. Munro, of Toronto, and Mrs. B. Hagerman of Locust Hill.

STOUFFVILLE VOTES 6 TO 1 FOR O.T.A.

Last Thursday Stouffville again stood true to its tradition of being a sober town or town of temperate people. Out of 675 votes polled on the plebiscite, 447 were cast in favor of the continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act, and only ninety-two in favor of the sale of beer and wine in sealed packages as a beverage. The vote stood five to one in favor of the O.T.A.

Two polling booths handled the vote as usual, the people on the north side of Main street voting at Porter's Ice Cream Parlor, while the electors living on the south side of Main street voted at Osa Reaman's office next the fire hall. Strange to say, the number of voters against the continuance of the O.T.A. was exactly the same in both polling divisions being 46 in each.

During the evening and far into the night people hung around town waiting for results from the big centres. Those who retired early believed that the wets had won the day, but about eleven o'clock the big wet majority began to dwindle, and pass out entirely. The final results gave a dry vote over the province of around 40,000. The vote by counties will be found on an inside page.

**MARKHAM TOWNSHIP
Goes Dry 6 to 1**

At no previous election in the history of Markham township has a tide of the interest shown been hitherto manifested, as shown in the results received last Thursday, and the crowds gathered to hear the result. The total vote cast, 1,616 for the retention of the O.T.A. to 273 for Government control, is believed to constitute a record in the Province of Ontario.

The majority over the township for the O.T.A. is 1,343, and the smallest vote cast was in Elgin Mills where the voting power is relatively small. The biggest vote recorded was in Unionville, where a double poll was held, the total vote in the two being 304 for the O.T.A. to 68 for Government control. Brown's Corners, in No. 3, rolled up a majority for the O.T.A. of 121 to 23 for Government control, while Victoria Square gave 224 for the O.T.A. to 34 for Government control.

At No. 9, in the northeastern part of the township, 194 votes were recorded for the O.T.A. and only 19 against.

CITIZENS STARTLED BY SUDDEN DEATH

of Joshua Hoover—Scarcely any Warning

Death came with startling suddenness to one of our best known men, Mr. Joshua Hoover of Clarke street, in the early hours of Friday morning, Oct. 24th. The previous evening, in fact about three or four hours before he passed away, Mr. Hoover had been down town and at the home of Mr. E. A. Button listening on the radio to the election returns on the plebiscite.

Returning home he intimated to his sister, Mrs. Mowder with whom he lived that he felt unwell, but before she had prepared medicine for him the pain had passed, and he retired to bed. Within a couple of hours he summoned her to his bedside, and a doctor was hurriedly called. While the medical man was in the act of preparing a stimulant, the unfortunate man suddenly expired. Death was due to neuralgia of the heart muscles. During all his life Mr. Hoover had previously been free from illness and had never suffered from or had any indication that his heart muscles were impaired.

Joshua Hoover was in his 55th year, and was the third son of the late Daniel Hoover, a farmer of Markham Township, being of that staunch old Pennsylvania Dutch origin. Joshua was born on the homestead on concession 10, just south of Stouffville, and was of a family of ten children, all of whom survive him. Up to sixteen years ago he farmed the home place, but at that time retired to Stouffville, and took up his residence with his sister, Mrs. Nelson Mowder. He was a man highly respected in the community and was a faithful member of the Christian church. He had lived an exemplary life.

The nine brothers and sisters are: Mrs. Henry Myers and Mrs. John Hare of Markham, Mrs. Nelson Mowder and Mrs. Jos. Mowder of Stouffville, also two unmarried sisters, Misses Maria and Jennima, and three brothers, Messrs. Levi, Alfred and Ludwick, all living in Stouffville. The late Mr. Hoover was a bachelor.

The funeral on Sunday was unusually large, service being held in the Christian church, following interment in Stouffville cemetery. His pastor Rev. E. Morton was assisted in the ceremony by Elder D. Prosser of Newmarket, who preached the funeral service from the text, "Like a Leaf we Fade Away." The speaker forcefully brought home the uncertainty of life here below and the necessity of being prepared for the final summons.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP Goes Dry 6 to 1

TOWNSHIP AUDIT BEGINS

Markham Township audit, instituted through the representations and petition of thirty residents of the municipality, not all of whom were property owners and in which an accountant and two assistants are engaged, is now on and it is estimated will continue for from six to eight weeks. The audit dates back for a number of years, or ever since G. A. M. Davison, the present clerk, has been in charge. Council were practically a unit in opposing the audit, as uncalled for and involving a large expense on the township, for no good reason, as the accounts have been regularly audited from year to year, but the submission of the petition left no recourse in the matter.

NORTH YORK DRY

On the Plebiscite Vote Oct. 24, 1924

W H I T C H U R C H	O. T. A.	Gov't C.
White Rose	266	52
Lenonville	255	22
Bloomington	212	21
Bogartown	221	37
Pine Orchard	140	25
Vivian	92	24
Holland Landing	85	59
Aurora	634	8
Sutton	443	355
Georgina Twp.	604	272

EAST GWILLIMBURY

Division 1	713	79
Sharon	156	22
Queensville	266	34
Brown Hill	37	14
Mount Albert	290	43
Ravenshoe	130	8
North Gwillimbury	624	144
King Twp.	1494	346

O.T.A. majority in North York 5691

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP LOSES APPEAL

Judge Denton, after visiting the ground with a government surveyor to take the levels, has given a decision in the appeal of Messrs. Mather and John Allen, of lot 17, con. 5; Markham, from the award of T. P. Engineer James. The judge also upset the township by-law appointing E. A. James, township engineer, as not being properly worded to conform with the Ditches and Watercourses Act, but on his advice the merits of the award made by Engineer James were gone into so as to settle the matter once and for all time. After looking over the ground he was of the opinion that the drain should be run through the Allen farm from the 5th con. road allowance as indicated in the engineer's award, but instead of continuing in an easterly direction to an outlet near Unionville, village, should turn south to the County road highway across which a culvert should be built, continued to the H. P. Eckardt farm and drained through a ditch as per the first award of the engineer, which was not filed. He recommended that the township pass a proper by-law under which the engineer make an award as outlined above. The appeal was sustained with costs, against the township. McCullough & Button appeared for the Allens and McNaughton for the township.

BIRTHS

Benson—To Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Benson, Locust Hill, on October 17th, 1924, a daughter.

Turner—In Stouffville, on October 28th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner, a son.

PERSONAL NOTES

Miss Jennie Baker is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ratcliff, also Mrs. W. H. Wilson, motored to King on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller of Creemore, spent the week end with their uncle, William Stewart.

The fall bulbs have arrived for the Stouffville Horticultural Society. Members may procure same on Friday and Saturday at Bowdway's drug store.

Mrs. Ira Freel will receive in honor of Mrs. Herbert Freel, Friday afternoon, Nov. 7th, from 4 to 6 o'clock. Miss Eva Atkins of Toronto will receive with them.

Mrs. J. A. Morden and Mrs. Fockler and family of Toronto, visited their mother on the farm of Mr. A. B. Bartholomew this week, in honor of the aged lady reaching her 80th birthday.

Howard Morton of Oakville, was in town Sunday attending the funeral of the late Joshua Hoover, as representative of the Doidge Motor Co. Mr. Hoover and Mr. E. A. Button were local agents for the Doidge Car.

Messrs. Isaac and Emerson Sheffield of Dodsland, Sask., are in town visiting at J. W. Brown's and with other relatives. They came east primarily to see their sister, Mrs. Yake of Toronto, and a former resident of Stouffville, who is seriously ill.

On Wednesday of this week, Oct. 29th, Miss Carrie Rae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rae was united in marriage to Mr. James Turner, O'Brien Avenue. The ceremony was quietly performed in Toronto, Miss Nettie Rae and Mr. F. E. Rae, sister and brother of the bride being in attendance.

PLOWING MATCH ATTRACTIVE EVENT

The spectacle of over 4000 people on the farm of A. B. Bartholomew, Stouffville, witnessing some 32 teams and a number of tractors in plowing contests, was a grand sight on Tuesday afternoon.

The first plowing match of the North York Plowmen's Association was an unqualified success. President John P. Campbell was beaming with delight and so was all the other officers.

The Women's Institute of Stouffville served meals on the grounds, and later at the banquet in Ratcliff's hall, when the prizes were awarded.

A class that was omitted from the prize list, and which would have proved interesting was one for men over 60 years of age. However there were boys' classes. Ernest Timbers, Milliken, aged 15, was the youngest contestant. E. Morris of Toronto, beat out Floyd Steckley the Provincial champion at Brampton, with tractors in sod.

The prize winners are:

1st class in sod—W. Timbers, Stouffville; Ed. Timbers, Stouffville; W. L. Clark, Agincourt; G. Tran, Whitevale. Best crown, W. Timbers, finish E. Timbers.

2nd class in sod—Russel Cowperthwaite, Hagerman; R. Lowrie, Markham; D. J. Tran, Clarendon. Best crown D. Tran, finish Cowperthwaite.

Jointer class—Len. Cox, Agincourt; Lloyd Turner, Stouffville; Chas. Tabscott, Milliken; Stanley Thompson, Clarendon. Best crown Turner, finish Cox.

4th class in stubble—M. Morgan, Milliken; John Timbers, Markham; Norman Steckley, Stouffville; Fred Timbers, Stouffville; Murray Clendinning, Stouffville. Best Crown Steckley, finish Morgan.

5th class, (those who never won a prize)—C. Atkinson, Stouffville; H. Wells, Stouffville; M. Dunkeld, Clarendon; Harry Pugh, Stouffville; Seth Wideman, Stouffville. Best crown and finish Atkinson.

Boys, 16 and under—Arthur Daniels, Milliken; Ernie Timbers, Milliken. Best crown and finish Daniels.

Tractors in stubble—F. Steckley, Stouffville; F. Nicely, Stouffville; H. Ratcliff, Ringwood.

Tractors in sod—E. Morris, Toronto; F. Steckley, Stouffville. Best finish, Steckley, crown Morris.

WITH THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST
Rev. W. W. Fleischer, pastor.
Sunday, November 2nd
10 a.m.—Bible School.
11 a.m.—"Key notes by Baptist Life"
6.15 p.m.—Prayer meeting in the vestry.
7 p.m.—Subject, "A Lawyer asks a question". Last in the series of vital questions. Watch for the next series.
Monday evening, regular meeting of B.Y.P.U. at 8 o'clock. Election of officers.
Wednesday evening, regular mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. G. E. Couiter, pastor.
Friday, Oct. 28th, at 8 p.m.; the Ladies' Aid will meet at the parsonage. Full attendance requested.
Sunday, Nov. 2nd, 10 a.m. Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Re-opening services. The speaker for the day being Rev. A. E. Baker of Toronto. Special music will be rendered by a union choir, Presbyterian and Methodist. We extend a cordial invitation to all.
Monday, Nov. 3rd, Young People's League, 8 p.m., in charge of Robt. Silversides.
Wednesday, Nov. 5th, prayer service, 8 p.m.
Mission Circle at the home of Mrs. F. L. Button, 8 p.m.
The regular monthly W.M.S. meeting is being postponed till Nov. 12.
Plan to attend the great Centenary celebration of the Methodist Missionary Society in Massey Hall, Toronto, Nov. 4, 5, 6.

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