

Only Sitting Council Members Nominated

Whitchurch Officers Back in Office Without a Ripple at Nomination—Earlier Election Date not well Liked.

As predicted in this paper for the last three issues there is an acclamation all round in Whitchurch Township for municipal honors for 1939.

Reeve C. E. Toole, Deputy Reeve Jess Cook, and Councillors George Leary, Herman Kidd and Herbert Wells were all returned for the second year in succession. As is so often the case when councils have been gratifying the wishes of the ratepayers with lower taxes, the attendance at the nomination meeting at Vandorf on Friday afternoon was smaller than usual, about one hundred being on hand.

Not a single name was placed in nomination outside the old council, each of whom were given an attentive hearing. Clerk John Crawford presided over the public meeting following the nominations.

Reeve Toole who will be a serious contender on the second ballot for county commissioner for 1939, spoke chiefly on county matters. "This is a large county," said Mr. Toole, "not so large as some in area, but in population it is very big. We have the fourth largest legislative body in Ontario, with 865 square miles of land running from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, comprising in it twelve municipalities distinctly urban. In all there are 26 municipalities, of 12 townships, 6 towns and 8 villages. We have 239 miles of roads under the Toronto & York Road Commission, in which county, government and city contribute toward the cost, and 55 miles of just county roads maintained by the county and province jointly."

Mr. Toole said that the County Police Commission had asked that a full time constable be employed in Whitchurch, but after explaining to the county the township's position, they agreed we were better off with part time men.

I think that in future all inquiries arising in the municipality should be head right in the township hall, and not taken elsewhere, was an observation the reeve brought out.

In reference to bank interest rates Mr. Toole stated that in company with the treasurer he had visited the Bank of Commerce in an effort to reduce the 5 per cent rate but were shown that this rate prevailed in similar municipalities, although larger places to the south obtained money at three or three and a half. Notwithstanding, a closer check on borrowings resulted in a reduction or saving of over \$200 this past year.

George Leary drew the attention of the meeting to a few salient points in the financial statement. Road expenditures were down over \$500, printing \$200, Board of Health \$52 and relief more than \$900, charity is lower by \$200. Only in one or two minor instances was there any advance at all, he said.

Bank overdraft would be nil, said Councillor Kidd, if there were no tax arrears. As it stands the tax payer in arrears pays all the bank interest in penalties. Despite this, fact Mr. Kidd stood for lower interest rates. He recalled that once the township paid 5 1-2 p.c. and the depositor got 3 per cent for his money. The banks had dropped a half of one per cent but cut the depositor to one and a half per cent. "We should have lower interest rates in view of this," concluded Mr. Kidd. He would emphasize the big drop in relief costs and while taxes are on the down grade they are still

plenty high, he said, especially when we keep in mind that we pay gasoline tax to keep up the roads.

Mr. Wells made reference to the policy of putting more crushed stone on the roads because he said it was cheaper in the long run, and teams were more expensive than trucks when it came to haulage too, he estimated.

Reeve Toole introduced the matter of holding the election on the first week in December instead of January 1. He was open minded on the question and would like to hear an opinion from the ratepayers which when taken by a show of hands was found to be not favorable.

In favor of an early election there was noted the avoidance of the Christmas season and possible bad roads of winter. That the financial statement might not be so satisfactory on the early date was a point in favor of a January contest. Councillor Kidd favored a feeling of ratepayers be taken by ballot at some future election.

The only cross fire of the meeting which was as harmonious as a church gathering, came when the question of the Wilcox Lake road arose. Councillor Leary didn't favor county taking over the Lake road from Yonge street to the 4th until total cost of widening to be born by the township was ascertained. Reeve Toole declared nothing would be done unless the committee of council deemed it in the best interests of the whole township. He said he was not satisfied with the first survey for the cut-off from the lake but hoped to have it improved.

L. P. Evans reported that new offers for land for the cut-off were away down from the original ones. The assessment was more than double at the lake as compared to Gormley where an alternative road is proposed on the townline. A ratepayer in the audience demanded to know who would keep up the old road running into Wilcox Lake in lieu of which a new road be built. Mr. Evans said it was a township road now and would remain so. "And it will cost you all the money it is costing now," shot back the irate farmer, who declared the new road was for tourists.

Councillor Leary resented a remark from Mr. Evans who said that all the windows in Mr. Leary's house looked out over Markham township instead of being in the north looking into Whitchurch.



Elder W. H. Yates who will open a series of revival meetings at Gormley, on January 1. Mr. Yates is a former pastor of Markham M.B.C. Church.

FARMERS' SKATING PARTY
The Stouffville Junior Farmers will hold a Skating Party in the Arena on Wednesday evening, January 4. Three lucky draws for valuable prizes. Good band music and a fine time for all. Admission 20 and 15c.



Without opposition of any kind Reeve Toole and Deputy Reeve Jess Cook were returned for the second year in succession to their respective office in the Township of Whitchurch. Mr. Toole it is freely stated in county affairs will be one of the next County Commissioners. He is running on the second ballot in the event there is any opposition.

Stouffville Takes First Junior Game 3-2

Displaying quite a promising aggregation of young players, Stouffville Junior O.H.A. team took the ice in the first league game, on Tuesday night, and squeezed out 3-2 decision over East York.

The highly-rated city team showed lack of team play in the first two periods, which coupled with Stouffville's aggressiveness and steady back-checking, combined to allow the locals a two-goal lead which they managed to cling to. The first period ended 2-0 with Austin and Rusnell getting the goals for the home town, both being scored from close range.

The mid-session saw East York pushing the play into Stouffville territory most of the time, although on actual scoring chances the locals appeared to have the edge.

A fluke goal near the middle of the third period spurred the East Yorkers on, and it looked for a time as if they would whittle down the narrow margin. Puck came out from the corner to glance into the net off Hoover's skate, to give the visitors their first counter.

At the half-way mark goalie Pardington of Toronto received a glancing shot on the right shoulder, which partially paralyzed his arm for a time. One minute after play had been resumed, Harper, bulky local defenseman, who was one of the stand-outs of the game, shot home Stouffville's third and last goal.

Stouffville line-up: goal, Hoover, def., Harper, Lintner, Stover; Forwards, Austin, Rusnell and Thos. Hare, Brown, Davis and Thomas Sharland; subs., Ken Stewart and Doug Ferguson.

Referee, Max. Reesor.

Scramble for Council

Reeve Albert James withdrew from the contest in Uxbridge Township on Monday and gave Robert Ashenhurst of last year's council, an acclamation for the reeveship. Councillor Edgar Taylor, farmer in the Glen Major district, also received an acclamation for deputy.

There is a real scramble for the council with seven in the field, three to be elected. Those running are John Rae, Howard Harper and Fred Middleton all of Goodwood, Fred Pilkey, Altona; Walter Beach, Siloam and Owen Davies and Isaac Catherwood from the vicinity of Uxbridge town. Read the election cards in this issue.

BIRTHS

Beaton—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Dec. 28, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. William Beaton, Claremont, a daughter.

Interest Lacking in Town Nominations

Despite a slight undercurrent of dissatisfaction among the War Veterans, Stouffville Councillors were returned by acclamation for 1939. Not more than 25 ratepayers turned out for the nomination and no public speaking was heard. Reeve A. E. Weldon, Councillors Ross Brown, Ira Rusnell, Martin Tait and John Silverthorn form the legislators again for another term. Ambrose Stover, Jake McMullen and Rev. C. E. MacLeod were returned by acclamation to the school board, a body which spent \$18,000 last year without the ratepayers so much as batting an eye at them on nomination day.

L. E. O'Neill was returned to the cemetery commission. Monday's nomination was styled one of the tamest in years.

HALF-HOLIDAY RESUMED

Beginning with the New Year business places in Stouffville adhering to the policy of a Wednesday half-holiday will resume the custom next week which is to continue until next Christmas. Monday next being observed as New Years will also be a holiday, making a short week to start the new year with.



Reeve A. E. Weldon

Towed Car Crashes Tree, Injures Man

Amos Smith of Franklin Rushed to Hospital Following Accident

When Amos Smith found that his car was balky at the time he wished to leave the Stouffville Christmas market for home, he secured the services of his neighbor's truck which happened along at the right moment, or it was the wrong moment, as it later seemed to prove. The Smith car was fastened to the Hammot truck by means of a tow rope, and away they flew west to Ringwood and north up the 8th through Ballantrae heading straight for Franklin. Folks at Ballantrae declared it was like the ride of John Gilpin through town the way those two cars flew. The Smith car could not be seen from the driver's seat in the truck which carries a sort of van body. Nevertheless the car was hauled along at what was said to be a lively clip until they reached the reforestation property near Vivian. Then at the top of McClenny's hill something happened for the Smith car snapped the tow rope and headed straight for a tree with terrific impact. Mr. Smith was rendered unconscious and remained there for some time before aid came to him. The big van kept right on going all unmindful of anything that had happened. When it pulled into Franklin the driver made the discovery that his towed passenger was missing and he hurried back over the route evidently expecting to pick up something that had been dropped. His anticipation was correct for he discovered the wreck and the unconscious man lying prostrate in the car. It is said that one or two cars had gone by but seeing no one about did not stop.

Mr. Smith was rushed to Toronto hospital, but is able to be home again and is recovering nicely it is reported. He is a brother to Arthur and Everton Smith at Bloomington and is quite well known in the district.

800 Children in Markham Schools

The Township of Markham has a population of 6050 according to the assessor's figures for 1938, it was revealed by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. C. R. MacKay, in his annual report placed before the council last week. Indeed, there is a slight upward trend back to the farm, but its the stork that's doing it. Live births during the year totalled 70, against a death rate of 41. Three people died from cancer during the year, which recalls the fact that seven died in the year in the south end of Whitchurch town ship all from this same cause.

Measles led the communicable disease with 25 cases while chicken pox ran second with 25 cases. Three people died from poliomyelitis. There were three cases of infantile paralysis from which one child died.

Dr. MacKay complimented the school trustees in the 22 sections upon the cleanliness and general fair sanitary conditions about the buildings. There are 810 children attending public schools in the township and not one outbreak in the way of epidemic.

The medical officer of health derives a salary of \$500 for his services.

Week of Prayer

The churches of Stouffville are again uniting to observe the week of prayer from January 2 to January 6. As in the previous years the churches will be visited in alphabetical order and the local ministers will be the speakers.

The detailed program is fully set out on page five in a display announcement. Cut it out for reference, and take advantage of this universal week of prayer

Markham Goes Back For Second Term

One of the quietest nomination meetings to take place in Markham Township for many years, was held in the Township Hall, Unionville on Monday. The hall was only partially filled, which was taken to indicate that the ratepayers with the lowest tax rate in eighteen years, were not interested in an election, being apparently heartily in accord with the work that has been done by the council of 1938.

The council of Markham township are all thoroughly experienced men, and in receiving an acclamation on Monday, Reeve Rennie goes back for his third term as reeve, and for his seventh term, as a member of the council. Deputy Reeve, Charles Hooper, will serve his third term as deputy, and sixth term on the council.

The three members of council are Albert Reesor, Harry Barber, and W. L. Clark.

The meeting, which lasted little better than an hour, was addressed by Reeve Rennie, who said that taxes had been reduced due to a lowering of the equalized assessment. He also pointed to better returns from tax arrears, which he considers, as a barometer of the standing of any municipality. The building by-law and its valuable asset to the township was also touched on by Reeve Rennie. Deputy Charles Hooper, fur-

ther expounded on Mr. Rennie's remarks, and stated that the present taxes of the township were the lowest in eighteen years. Relief also showed a decrease, he stated, while sheep claims were about the smallest on record.

The Councillors, Barber, Clark and Reesor commented favorably on the roadwork of the township for the past year, while Mr. Barber spoke of the benefit received by the municipality from the pheasant shoot.

Messrs. Albert Clark, William Noble and W. F. Kincaid were also nominated for council, but all stated that they would not be the means of bringing an election on the township, and voiced favorable comment upon the work of the present council for the past year.

Nominated were: James Rennie, Reeve, nominated by J. W. Wideman and Simeon Hooper; Charles Hooper, deputy reeve, nominated by Oscar Cox and W. H. Tran; Albert Clark, councillor, nominated by W. Green and Thomas King; Albert Reesor, J. G. Wideman and W. F. Kincaid; Wm. Noble, nominated by Clark Bunker and Simeon Reesor; W. L. Clark, nominated by W. L. Tran, Oscar Cox; W. F. Kincaid, nominated by Cline Burr and Wes. Gohn; Harry Barber, nominated by Dalton Tunney and Nelson Boyington.