

## DAYLIGHT SAVING REJECTED BY COUNCIL

After giving serious consideration to a petition filed with them, the village council on Monday evening refused to call upon the people to observe daylight saving. The petition presented by Messrs. F. L. Button, Delbert Holden and D. Hodgins contained 52 names for, and 33 against any change of time. Mr. Button formally presented the document, and said that if we believe in democracy we should have daylight saving because of the numbers signed in favor. He suggested starting May 14th and ending Sept. 1st.

"I appreciate what the farmer says when he states that he cannot work on daylight saving time, but I think they would get used to it," prophesied Mr. Button. He pointed to the Yonge street towns having all adopted it as far north as Newmarket.

Mr. Holden said he had heard some farmers say they really liked the fast time best. The only complaint in Markham is that the village should start it earlier each year he declared.

Reeve Weldon thanked the deputation and promised to scrutinize the petition, but after doing so the vote was unanimously against a change in time. It was pointed out that the larger business places almost to a store are definitely against daylight time. The entire block of merchants from Mill street to Church street are opposed to it, council believe. Council were swayed noticeably by this fact.

Councillor Rusnell told the deputation that evening church service would be starting at six o'clock farm time, and Mr. Button declared places were getting over this difficulty by changing the hour of worship to 7.30.

"The merchants were dissatisfied the way daylight time worked out here in war time, and I don't think they have changed any by the looks of the petition," said Councillor Tait, who stoutly maintained they are the real ones to consider in this matter.

Councillor R. E. Brown and Councillor Jack Silverthorn both signed for the new time, but believed they had been in error and voted against their own petition at the council.

"I am willing to submit the matter to the ratepayers next January, if there is any real demand later in the season," said Reeve Weldon. "As it is we could not enforce daylight time, because the larger stores are opposed. I think daylight saving is a mistake," he said, expressing a personal view.

Councillor Brown said that he had not had time to give the question serious consideration when he signed the petition, but now he was quite sure it would be a mistake to try and make stores change their hours when they are opposed to it and do not want it."

The council decided that any petition that did not have two thirds of the business places on would not be impressive. This petition while showing a big margin in favor carried names of people who were not tax payers and were really not entitled having a voice in changing the working hours of merchant, it was declared.

### DIED

Miss Anna Stapleton, on Tuesday, May 2nd, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Jos. D. Winterstein, R.R.3, Stouffville, after a lingering illness. Resting at the above address. Funeral Friday, 2:00 p.m., and at 2:30 public service at Bloomington Christian Church. Interment Bloomington Christian Cemetery.

## TRIBUNE AWARDED TORONTO STAR TROPHY



Joseph T. Clark, late editor of the Toronto Daily Star, in whose honor the trophy is named. Mr. Clark was once editor of the Pickering News and never lost his interest in the weekly newspapers which he considered a valuable medium of public opinion.



Gregory Clark, son of the late Joseph T. Clark, for whom the trophy is named, and a newspaper feature writer in his own right, is seen holding the trophy.

### Our Appreciation

The Tribune is deeply indebted to the scores of friends who offered us congratulations on winning the J.T. Clark memorial cup. This paper is delighted to have been able to bring the honor to Stouffville. It appears to have been of sufficient importance to call for a front page double heading in the Toronto Daily Star, carrying the message in story and illustration to half a million readers of the Daily Star and the Toronto Star Weekly. We are deeply indebted to the Star for their generous boost accorded the weekly press. Friends and firms far and near have sent in congratulatory messages in such numbers as to fairly swamp our facilities to answer. To all of them we say again, thank you.

### Experiences a Thrilling Escape

Mrs. Dent. Law of this town realizes that she had a miraculous escape from being shot yesterday afternoon while working in her home. Mrs. Law was engaged in the summer kitchen, a board structure, when a bullet came tearing through a crack in the boards, smashing an electric light bulb close to her head. Constable Quibell is investigating.

### Markham Robbers Sentenced

William K. Welsh 26, and Thomas Roberts 34, were sentenced to 10 and 12 years respectively for robbing the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Markham of \$980 on March 24, and other crimes surrounding the attack on Markham. Judge O'Connell told the pair that unemployment or anything else would not excuse young men in carrying loaded weapons, prepared to shoot if opposed.

Mr. Louis Schell of Toronto spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Lloyd Moyer.

## Big Daily Tells of Tribune's Achievement

A. V. Nolan's Paper Passes Rigid Test—Gregory Clark Presents Trophy

Toronto Daily Star

A competitor in the Star's own field walked off with the trophy donated by The Star's president to the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association for the best all-round weekly newspaper published in village or town of less than 1,500 population. The Stouffville Tribune and A. V. Nolan, J.P., its publisher, were the first winners of the Joseph T. Clark Memorial trophy. The selection was announced at the banquet of the rural editors in Ottawa on Friday night, and Greg. Clark son of the late editor of The Star, in whose memory the trophy is named, presented the big silver cup to Andrew Hebb, former Star Reporter and now publisher of the Newmarket Era, to carry home to his Stouffville neighbour, who was absent from the convention.

"The reason Mr. J. E. Atkinson named this silver cup The Joseph T. Clark trophy," said Gregory Clark, "was due doubtless to the fact that the most familiar memory of Joe Clark in newspapermen's minds is that of him sitting at his desk, editor of a powerful modern newspaper, surrounded by big snowdrifts of country weeklies strewn all about him on the floor and another one spread out on his desk, subject of intense scrutiny. When I would so find him and taunt him with still being the editor of the Pickering News, from which journal he came to Toronto, he would lean back and say, 'No, my boy, public opinion is like a river. Sometimes it flows placidly, sometimes it is swollen in flood, and hidden rocks of prejudice menace us and there are backwaters and eddies. But if you want to sample the river of public opinion, don't dip into the flood. Go and sample the sources, the springs, the country weeklies.'"

Passes Stiff Test

The Stouffville Tribune won the trophy as the best all-round weekly newspaper published in a town of 1,500 or less population on the following counts: Its appearance was excellent

and showed great care of type and machinery, good printing and excellent layout. It was remarkable for the amount of correspondence from the town and its neighborhood. Its rural correspondents were of a high order and well trained. Its selection of news was expertly suited to the interest of its local readers and there was a minimum of filler material.

The three judges of the contest which included country weeklies from all parts of Ontario and Quebec and which narrowed down to about 20 papers, were Adam Sellar of the Huntington Gleaner, Que., Geo. Lake of the Porcupine Advance and Charles Tressider of the Kirkland Lake Northern News. "We must express our thanks to Mr. Atkinson and The Star," said Mr. Sellar before the presentation, "for donating this beautiful trophy, but The Star has always taken a very lively interest in the country weeklies and I wouldn't be surprised if the Toronto Star's rise to power wasn't due to taking its tips from the rural press."

George Lake of Timmins commented on the fact that (Continued on page nine)

### May 22 a Holiday

In accordance with the wishes expressed at a public meeting of business men held recently, and a resolution of council, Reeve Weldon has been asked to proclaim Monday, May 22nd a public holiday for Stouffville, it being the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to Toronto.

This falls so closely on the heels of Victoria Day, May 24, that the latter may only be observed during the afternoon of May 24 which is the usual Wednesday half-holiday as well.



Rev. Chas. Endicott D.D. Who will address the United Church congregation this coming Sunday evening.

### BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE

A Diphtheria Toxoid Clinic will be held on Friday, May 5th, at the school, at 2 p.m. Cards of instruction will be sent to all parents. It is recommended that children of pre-school age should be given injections as well as the school children.

Dr. H. B. Freel, M.O.H.

### MRS. MARIA HOOVER GOES TO LAST REST

The funeral of the late Mrs. Maria M. Hoover took place on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Torrance.

Mrs. Hoover was the eldest daughter of her pioneer parents, John and Suzannah Sewell. She was born in Scarborough, but lived most of her life in Markham and Locust Hill. Left is one sister, Mrs. M. Strongman of Toronto; one brother, John Sewell of Markham, and a daughter, Mrs. Alex. Torrance.

### Can Day Too Late

This is the time of year when people wish to have their old tin cans and other rubbish removed from off their premises. Unfortunately the town dump lies in such a bog as not to be reached until the end of May usually. This is an unfortunate situation, and should have some further consideration with a view to getting a more suitable location, or providing a road to the grounds that could be used at least by the first week in May.

That big bag of wheat in Price Pugh's window the past week drew all kinds of guesses as to its weight, which actually tipped the scales at 250 pounds. Mrs. H. N. Foote estimated it at 249 pounds, Mrs. John Green 255, and Mrs. J. H. Coates 257. These three nearest guesses were prize winners.

## THIEVES THROW OUT BOOKS AND \$25 IN GOOD CASH

Lady Luck Meets up with Unfortunate Motorist Returning to the West

Rev. Eber Rusnell has recovered all the money stolen from the trailer of his car when thieves broke in after the trailer was ditched enroute home from Stouffville to Western Canada while passing through the U.S.A.

When Mr. Rusnell left the wreck to get help some miles away from the scene, all his clothing and other articles were lifted, evidently by a passing motorist. In a box they removed filled with books, were five five dollar bills layed between the pages of a bible. The next day as Mr. Rusnell journeyed westward, he came upon a pile of books discarded in the ditch and as they appeared familiar, he stopped and to his surprise recognized the literature as his very own. Eagerly opening the bible from the pile he found the stolen money, as in answer to his prayers.

It would seem that the thieves were going in Rusnell's direction, but having no use for books they dumped them on the roadside, with such happy results to their rightful owner.

The experience of this former Stouffville boy is a rare one, and he is bound to say that the Lord looks after his own when passing through the wilderness.

The Michigan Police were working on the case, but would never have solved the thing, had Mr. Rusnell not been lucky enough to meet up with the discarded portion of the loot.

## Population on The Increase

The population of Stouffville has increased by 32 from 1160 to 1192, Assessor George Storey announced to the village council on Monday evening. The Assessor also revealed in presenting the roll for 1939 that the general assessment had advanced \$9,800 to a total of \$642,843. The exemptions total \$167,400 for school building, churches, public library, municipal hall, park, cemetery. The number of school children totals 204, down 3 from last year.

The dog tax collected is \$140, an increase of a few dollars.

The added assessment, Mr. Storey said is due to new buildings, and will bring in an increased tax of \$350, equal to half a mill.

Rev. C. E. McLeod asked the council for compensation for damage allegedly caused by town employees breaking his drain.

Tenders for road oil, three in number were very close. It was moved by Councillors Brown and Tait that oil be purchased from the A.E. Jupp Co. at 11.5c per imperial gallon.

N. M. MacLean reminded the council that the Parks Committee were out of funds.

The assessment roll was accepted and Mr. Storey ordered to be paid \$25 for collecting dog tax.

Public liability insurance was renewed with Thos. Birkett costing \$116.30, while Workmen's Compensation Insurance was paid of \$50.40. A bond for the assistant treasurer and collector was taken out costing \$8.35.

Hospitalization for April amounted to \$18.60. A number of small accounts were also paid.

WARNING: Notice is hereby given that by-law prohibiting shooting off fire arms within the corporation will be enforced in future. The minimum penalty for the first offence is \$10. H. C. Quibell, Constable.