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Baseball Opener Here Wednesday, May 24

Stouffville's Initial Start in
Toronto Friday

Baseball for 1939 will be initially opened in Stouffville next Wednesday afternoon here in Memorial Park, when Stouffville meet Ostranders at 2.30 (s.t.) The local nine will journey to Toronto this Friday night for a starter against Pears. Incidentally in the schedule published in this issue, Pears are referred to as Miracles. The park where all the city games will be played is situated just off Eglinton Ave., west of Yonge, and east of Oriole Road.

According to Toronto sports writers Stouffville are not regarded as any easy mark, and are pointed out as having won several championships, bred several big league players, and at all times have been a real hustling club in intermediate competition.

Ostranders, first city team to be seen in action on local grounds, are managed by Jack Robinson, and won the North Toronto Championship last year. With one or two exceptions the entire squad are back in action. George Pyzer, winner of last season's outstanding pitcher award, is again heading the Ostranders mound staff. Hanson supplies the outfit's biggest threat at the plate. He batted .350 for Kirkland Lake last season.

Stouffville will present no new outside faces for Friday night's Toronto game. "Tip" Anderson of Oshawa who carried Tim O'Neill's Boys into the play-downs last year will likely get the mound assignment. Bruce Staver, local hopeful may also get a chance to show his wares. Bruce is a smooth, speedy actor, and has displayed some real talent in High School circles.

GRAY COACH LINES EXTRA

We have an advice from the Gray Coach Lines stating that the company are making extraordinary effort for handling the traffic on May 22, on the occasion of the Royal Visit to Toronto. To assist in handling the traffic they recommend buying tickets in advance (by May 19) for the big day.

NEW GOLD FISH HOME AT RINGWOOD

The Gold Fish Supply Co., have completed the construction of a neat cottage at their Ringwood fish ponds for the use of their watchman Mr. Chas. Dadson and his family. Charlie's duties are to guard the fish ponds where gutter snipes, hawks, crows, also prowling animals prey on the fish. Charlie makes a trusted sentinel.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pegg of Church Hill wish to announce the engagement of their second daughter, Barbara, to Denzil Jagger Oldham, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Oldham of Mount Albert. The wedding will take place in June in the Church Hill Christian Church.

The engagement is announced of Bertha Joyce Cleare, daughter of Mr. J. Cleare and the late Mrs. Cleare, Waltham, Berks, England, to Lorne John Byer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Byer, Markham, the wedding to take place early in June, at Glasgow Church.

The members of Stouffville I.O.O.F. lodge held a "Ladies' Night," on Monday evening, which proved a huge success, especially in the line of entertainment. Miss Louise Goldsmith of Toronto and her troupe of dancers and entertainers provided a program after which refreshments were served to about 65 members and friends.

COUNCIL CONGRATULATES PAPER

Among the scores of congratulations received by The Tribune on being awarded the J. T. Clark Memorial Cup donated by the Toronto Star, the Whitchurch Township Council in session on Saturday graciously made reference to the fact, when resolution sponsored by Councillor George Leary and Councillor H. Kidd, received the assent of the council, reading as follows:

"That we, the council of the Township of Whitchurch, extend to the editor of The Tribune our hearty congratulations on being awarded the J. T. Clark memorial trophy for best weekly in Ontario and Quebec, published in places of 1500 or less population."

The circulation of The Tribune in the township is greater than the combined circulation of all other local weeklies entering the municipality, and good wishes of the municipal body are greatly appreciated, as are all the compliments extended to us by friends everywhere, on our recent award.

Ballantrae Estate Sold

Col. O. S. Hollindrake of Toronto has purchased the well-known Hill property in Ballantrae from Miss Alice Brown, Toronto. In addition to the fine brick residence lately remodelled there are ten acres of land with the property.

The Colonel plans to convert the whole premises into a country estate for the personal use of his own family. Extensive improvements are shortly to be made.

Cheque for \$3,090

The School Board last week were quite jubilant over receiving a cheque from the Department at Queen's Park for \$3,090, representing the final payment on the Government share of cost of the new wing built at the school last summer, plus an amount equal to 50 per cent of expenditures for equipment for the new wing. The Departmental cheque wiped out all indebtedness owing the bank in the special building account, and provides a surplus that will be used to complete some further improvements in the school, it is believed.

Claremont Team for Sir Edw. Beatty

Despite the fact that the horse market has been anything but one that would create sunshine in the hearts of horsemen, Mr. Mac Forsyth of Claremont is carrying one of those smiling countenances that just won't come off. Last week he sold one of his handsome teams of registered mares to Sir Edward Beatty, president of the C.P.R. Apparently Sir Edward has some knowledge of a fancy horse, as well as those great "iron horses" which pull the trains over his roads. The animals sold by Mr. Forsyth left Claremont last week for their new home on the Beatty farm near Kingston. This is probably the most outstanding sale of horse flesh made in Claremont since the days when Graham Bros. were in flower.

C.N.R. Special Trains May 22

The Canadian National have issued a time-table for its many lines dealing with the special trains during the visit of the King and Queen. On May 22 there will be no morning train from Toronto at all, so far as our line goes, while the evening train from Port Hope will also be cancelled. The regular evening train from Toronto will be held at the Union Station until 6.30 arriving at Stouffville at 7.31.

Special excursion trains pass through Stouffville for Toronto in the morning at 10.40, 11.04, and 11.19. All trains run to Riverdale Park.

Returning trains leave Riverdale park where Markham and Stouffville children have reservations to see the procession as follows: 3 p.m., 3.15, p.m. and 3.30 p.m. standard time.

Gordon Murchison was in town for a few days visiting his home on Church street. Gordon has completed his fourth year at Toronto University in Forestry, and has received an appointment under the Dominion Forestry branch for work in Manitoba. He left this week to take up his position at Riding Mountain Park where he will be in charge of 50 men.

New Salary Scale Continuation School

Salary increases were in order at a special meeting of the School Board on Monday evening, for the Continuation School staff. The Board was influenced in striking a new scale by the salaries commanded in nearby schools with similar work done. Beginning next term Principal L.C. Murphy will receive \$2400, Mr. Gordon Bailey \$1500, Mr. Haist \$1350, and Miss Miller \$1300.

A new teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Hogg will be offered \$1400. The total increases are \$850. Each teacher holds a university egrée and a specialist certificate.

With the increases granted it is believed that the daily per pupil cost will compare with the lowest in the county. The daily cost is now a fraction over 42c, as compared with Agincourt 54c, Markham 52c, and Aurora 64c.

DAIRY BUYS BUILDING

Clayt Baker has purchased the Turner Dairy building two doors west of the post office from the Grubin estate. This property was originally built for Bank of Nova Scotia. It is to be remodelled.

Mark Sixty-Seven Years Married Life

On Monday, May 15th, Mr. and Mrs. George Wagg of Island Lake, 10th concession of Whitchurch marked their 67th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagg, who have resided on this townline one hundred acres for forty-six years, were married at Lot 37, North Townline, Uxbridge township, on May 15, 1872. Rev. Mr. Dowling, Baptist minister of Uxbridge officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Wagg, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Caswell, was born in Osbrey Township, Ontario, 87 years ago, of a family of eight, of whom only two brothers and herself survive. Mrs. Wagg speaks proudly of her brother Joseph in the States, who recently celebrated his 93rd birthday, and until this year never lost a tooth. Mr. Wagg is of English stock, coming from Norfolk in 1856, at the age of five, to famous "Muddy York."

Mr. Wagg, remembers as a boy moving by horse and wagon to a farm site north of Goodwood, but he settled for himself some fifty years ago in Scott Township.

"The first team I owned," said Mr. Wagg, "was a horse and ox, and the ox was blind. After that I got a full team of oxen, I hitched them to the cutter."

Forty-six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wagg moved to the present property, now worked by their son George. It is the first farm north of Island Lake, 5 1-2 miles north of Stouffville.

As a boy this Uxbridge township pioneer, attended the Siloam school on the 3rd concession. "When I used to travel between Stouffville and Uxbridge," said Mr. Wagg, "there were as many as eight hotels in the fourteen miles. I recall cutting wood around Goodwood for 25c a cord."

To Mr. and Mrs. Wagg were born eleven children, all of whom are living. There are 28 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren. The children are, Mrs. Fred Chamberlain, Mrs. Anstin Bain, Newmarket, Jack Wagg, Scarborough, Mrs. Delos Graham, Ringwood, Frank Wagg, Altona, James Wagg, Mrs. Jess Brown, Stouffville, Mrs. Oliver Yakely, Uxbridge; Wm. Wagg, Toronto; Elliot Wagg, Uxbridge and George Wagg on the home farm.

Mr. Wagg has been an ardent reader of The Tribune for forty odd years. He will be 88 this summer. The couple have attended various churches and until recently were connected with the Churchill Christian church. Both enjoy very good health, despite their great weight of years.



Mr. and Mrs. George Wagg receive congratulations.

Summer Population Exceeds 5,000 Mark

So Figures and Estimate Show
for Whitchurch. Permanent
Residents 3090. Army of
Dogs is 575.



Donald R. Closson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Closson, Stouffville who this year completed his four year course in mechanical Engineering at the University of Toronto.

Assessment Court Whitchurch June 3

On Saturday morning Constable Robert Windsor met the reeve and members of the Whitchurch Township Council, when the township Cop withdrew his resignation handed in two months ago, but which had not been acted on by the council. Mr. Windsor will again take on his full duties for the east side of the township, with the approval of the council.

Assessor F. C. Cummings reported that fifty dog owners or harborers had neglected to pay dog tax when demand was made. The defaulting ones will be served with notice by the township clerk and given ten days to make payment, otherwise the names will be passed over to the police who will deal with them according to the Act.

A bylaw to license dance halls came up for discussion. It had been drafted by the solicitor, but certain phases of it did not appeal to the council hence it was laid over.

Reeve Toole introduced the question of grants. Last year council adopted a policy of giving no grants whatever no matter how worthy the object, and some members felt the council had been placed in very awkward position at times. The reeve said he would favor a grant to the Aurora Horse Show, the North York Plowing Association, and the Junior plowmen.

Councillor Kidd thought the Plowmen's Association was entitled to a larger share of any proportion set aside, but it was decided to deal with each on their merits when the time arrived. Just now the Aurora Show was asking for a grant, and on motion of Deputy Reeve Cook and Councillor Herb. Wells a grant of \$15 was made the Aurora Show.

"I think the wire fence bonus is foolish," said Councillor Wells when the matter of a bonus came up. "If we take that money and buy snow fence we would get more good from it," he declared. Reeve Toole pointed out that the county paid a bonus on the fence only in those municipalities where the township pay a bonus and this would be lost. Aside from that the reeve had considerable doubt about the wisdom of the wire fence bonus. "However, I received one from the county, and would be open for criticism if I now turned around and voted against giving one to others (Continued on page two)

There will be special holiday showings at the Stanley Theatre this week, both Monday and Wednesday evenings. Two showings each night, at 7 and 9 o'clock, (s.t.)

The population of the Township of Whitchurch remains well over the 3,000 mark, according to the latest assessment figures just submitted to the township council by Assessor F. G. Cummings of Ballantrae. Between east and west, they are fairly divided, there being 102 more people resident on the west side of the 5th concession to Yonge street, than are living on the east side of the 5th to the Uxbridge townline. The exact figures are, west 1596, east 1494, a total of 3090. When the work of Mr. Cummings was divided between two assessors the 5th concession was the dividing line.

The summer population at Wilcox and Musselman's would easily total 2,000 inhabitants counting those who occupy cottages only, so that during July and August the grand total is over 5,000.

When it comes to actual voters the difference between east and west is not so great. For figures show that 449 people between the ages of 21 and 60 live on the west side, and 423 on the east, a total of 872 men and women between these ages.

The assessment of the twp., stands at \$2,484,770, the west assessment being in excess of the east by \$225,258.

An interesting feature of the assessor's report is, the dog population which is shown at 575; on which taxes totalling about \$1200 are collected.

Aside from churches, schools cemeteries, and the municipal hall property, the only tax exempt premises are the lands at Pickering College, or a certain portion of them.

Assessor Cummings presented a splendid roll, with all entries neatly kept.

Stricken Following Brother's Funeral

John Bowers of Markdale Died in His 89th Year—Attended Funeral of Brother George in Stouffville Last September

Friends near Stouffville will learn with regret of the death on Friday, May 5th, of John Bowers of Markdale. He was in his eighty-ninth year. He attended the funeral of his brother George in Stouffville last September, but collapsed a week later and had been in bed with heart trouble ever since.

For some years he lived near Uxbridge and his first wife was formerly Fanny Walker, whose sisters still live in Uxbridge. They had one son Coral, who lives in Owen Sound.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Jennie Hutchinson of Markdale and by his son Coral, and seven grandchildren. His brother Sam. Bowers of Ames, Iowa, died in January of this year, and of the family of eight there is left only the youngest, Robert of Swift Current, Sask.

Mrs. D. H. Howe, Mrs. Judd, Miss May Bowers, Wallace Byer and George H. Hewitt attended their uncle's funeral at Markdale, on Monday, May 8th.

CROWDED OUT

Owing to the demand for space in this issue several items of news are unavoidably held over until next week, including a letter from Mr. John R. Hodgins setting forth his views on daylight saving.

On Thursday evening of this week the Horticultural Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Doten to lay plans for spring activities.