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## Inaugural Meeting of Village Council

The village council for 1940 was duly sworn in at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning and here are the men who will govern the municipal affairs of our village: Reeve A. E. Weldon, Councillors R. E. Brown, Ira D. Rusnell, Delbert Holden, and John Silverthorn. After taking the oath of office, a striking committee was formed, then adjournment was made until evening, when the regular council session was opened by Rev. W. E. Smalley.

The standing committees for the year are:

Streets and Walks — Brown and Silverthorn.

Water and Light — Rusnell and Holden.

Finance—Weldon and Brown

A bylaw was passed appointing Sandy Jones pound keeper and John Gower, sanitary inspector. Mr. F. Marshall was again named a member of the Library Board, while the following will form the Athletic Field Committee—N. M. MacLean, Dr. Sangster, Dr. Ball, J. R. Hodgins, F. Rowbotham, Ira Rusnell and D. Holden.

The clerk announced that the assessor and collector of taxes under new regulations hold office continuously unless dismissed by the council and it is therefore not necessary to re-appoint them annually. George Storey is the assessor, and H. C. Quibell, tax collector.

Dr. H. B. Freal presented the report of the M.O.H. for the year. It showed the population of Stouffville to be 1192. Only 6 cases of measles were reported, and 75 children were immunized for diphtheria and certificates granted them. This work, he said, would continue yearly. No license had been granted the local dairy owing to some unsatisfactory situation in the pasteurization plant which the M.O.H. trusted would shortly be cleared up. Samples of milk would be improved when once the machine is adjusted. Water samples taken were all A1., said Dr. Freal.

Prices will be secured on the cost of a blower for the furnace in the municipal hall. The clerk said he felt a blower would give great satisfaction, and save coal as well.

### STOUFFVILLE CURLERS WIN TANKARD

Stouffville curlers carried off honors for this district in the tankard at Agincourt this week. Two rinks, the one composed of H. Sanders, sk., H. C. Quibell, K. Agnew, B. Black, and the other of M. E. Watts, sk., C. Armstrong, Thomas Birkett and D. Hodgins, defeated the Locust Hill entry in the morning and nosed out Agincourt in the last round to win the day. The local curlers will carry on in the series for the district cup to be played in Toronto at a later date.

## Provincial Plow Demolishes Car

The provincial snow plow working on the highway at Lincolnville on Monday afternoon, backed into the almost new Chevrolet car driven by N. W. Byer, and smashed the fenders, and damaged the front of the engine. Mr. Byer was driving toward Stouffville from Goodwood, and the plow working in front of the Stafford farm was backing away from a snow bank. Although two men were in the cab, Mr. Byer said they kept no lookout, and the warning of his horn went unheard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davey were in Toronto for the funeral of the late Mrs. James Joyce, a cousin of Mrs. Davey.

### Stolen Porker Turns Out To Be Only Fairy Tale

A story circulated last week had it that a butchered pig had been stolen from the farm of Wm. Morris, just north of town on the 10th concession. Mr. Morris had butchered in the morning, so the yarn went, then dove into town, and on returning home discovered his winter pork all gone. The thieves were tracked through the bush over a blood stained trail, but here the track was lost, and the pig too.

On investigation we find that Mr. Morris never butchered a pig last week, never lost any pork, and never told anybody this fairy tale. Later the paper was informed that the pig was stolen from the farm of Arnold Burrows on the former Richard Rae farm, but the Burrows home never lost a pig either, and so—

## Expropriated Land Still Not Paid For

It was revealed this week that the strip of land expropriated by Markham Township council for the new corner at Gormley a year ago last summer from Mr. P. A. Brillinger, is still not paid for. Smaller pieces of land secured from other farmers is all settled for, but in the case of the Brillinger property there was a difference over valuation of the property expropriated. Mr. Brillinger asked \$750 for his land, and the municipality was willing to pay only \$650. Mr. Brillinger had one year, we understand, to enter an appeal, but failed to do so, and now must accept the township's offer. We are informed that the amount would be forthcoming any time demand is made on the municipality by the former owner. The township of Whitchurch will reimburse Markham for half this account, as the cost of land at this corner on the 4th was to be borne jointly by the two townships.

### COUNTY ORANGEMEN MEET HERE

Forty-five members of the Ontario Loyal Orange Lodge attended the annual county meeting in Stouffville on Tuesday. They were greeted by L. H. Saunders, P.G.M. & chief organizer for Ontario, west. Past County organizer, Truman Holden was the oldest member present. County Master Acton of Victoria Corners presided. Officers elected were: County Master—Reuben Tindall Deputy Master—Gerald Gregg Chaplain—Rev. Robson Treasurer—Fred Middleton Rec. Sec.—J. C. Taylor Fin. Sec.—Wm. Burgess Lecturers—R. Brethour, M. Barnes. Marshall—Harold King.

## MAN FATALLY STRICKEN IN MARKHAM OFFICE

Markham lost another old resident when James Clark died suddenly Monday in his 78th year. Mr. Clark had left home shortly after one o'clock to take a walk around the town, and about three p.m. dropped into the newspaper office for a chat, as was his usual custom. Hardly had he been seated when he suddenly collapsed and expired immediately. Dr. Arthur Hore pronounced life extinct. Surviving are two brothers, Edward W. Clark, of Markham, and Hebert A. Clark, of Toronto, also one sister.

## FOXES KILLING OFF MARKHAM PHEASANTS

Conclusive evidence against sly Mr. Red Fox has been established in Markham that the fine flocks of pheasants are falling prey to him.

A day or two ago Ab. Stouffer, 8th concession, found a pheasant buried in the snow. It had been decapitated yet the bird was warm which indicated that it had only been hidden a short time. Fox tracks led to the discovery. The fox had evidently devoured other birds, and placed this one in hiding for another meal.

The Byer boys at Wideman near the scene of this find, sighted a fox and gave chase, which took them all the way to Locust Hill before they caught up with their quarry, to make a killing. A shot from Edwin Byer's gun finished the fox.

## GUILTY ON 25 CHARGES INCLUDING STOUFFVILLE

Convicted by Magistrate Keith in County Police Court on 25 charges of false pretenses, Robert Snazel, alias Robert James, was sentenced to three months in jail on each charge, terms to run concurrently. Evidence produced was to the effect that accused had defrauded proprietors of small business concerns in York County of sums ranging from \$2 to \$5. Snazel took in several local merchants who are out of pocket \$5 each. The accused man pleaded not guilty to two additional charges of false pretenses laid against him in Goderich.

### GAS THIEVES FOILED AT GORMLEY

On Monday night or early Tuesday morning would-be gasoline thieves attempted to break into the tanks at the S.N. Doner store, Gormley, but were unsuccessful. They left broken off skeleton keys in both pumps, after being foiled in their efforts. Nothing was broken or disturbed, reports Mr. Doner.

### MARKHAM RED CROSS GIFT

Bed sheets are urgently needed for the new 600 bed hospital in England being opened by the Red Cross. On Tuesday evening at Unionville Markham Branch voted \$200 for sheets, constituting a wonderful gift.

## Defaulters By-law Thirty Years Old

Explanations have been sought as to why a defaulters' list was posted in the polling booths in Stouffville on election day, when the surrounding municipalities post up no such list. Clerk Dougherty explained to the council on Monday evening that the statutes provide for denying the franchise to persons in default of taxes if the municipality passes a bylaw to enforce the regulation, and such a step was taken in Stouffville when Robt. Coulson was reeve 30 years ago.

Fifty-seven persons could not cast their ballot on New Years because of this regulation, which township councils would not think of enforcing. However, in the village, numerous petty tax items owing by persons from whom it is impossible to collect, will frequently be settled up in order to keep the franchise. For that reason Stouffville has not seen fit to rescind the bylaw. It does work unfairly, however, where a substantial ratepayer is in default, and cannot vote, while someone with a hundred dollars invested in the town enjoys the vote.

After all there is no outburst of indignation against posting a defaulters' list here, so the council have nothing to worry over, and are not likely to abandon the bylaw without a strong demand on the part of the general taxpayer.

## Whitchurch Officers Are Re-Appointed

Every officer in the employ of Whitchurch Township Council was re-engaged on Monday at the inaugural meeting at which Reeve C. E. Toole presided. All other members were on hand, Deputy Reeve Jess Cook, and Councillors George Leary, Herman Kidd, Herbert Wells.

Floyd Preston who is to operate the township snow plow on the big grader, asked council to pay him "standby time," that is pay for days he would have to hold himself in readiness but would actually not be working. He could not take other employment. For this Floyd asked \$1 a day, but a deal was finally made whereby instead of 35c per hour while on duty he will be paid 45c per hour with no standby time. Council unanimously agreed to this rate of pay for the three winter months, and the grader man was satisfied too.

The grader plow is expected to be on township roads, by Friday or Saturday this week.

F. G. Cummings on being re-appointed to the position of assessor was given a new contract in that he will be paid \$350 for his services which in addition to assessing the entire township, include the collection of dog tax. Russel Gray is the member of the Board of Health and John Williamson and Robt. Windsor, sanitary inspectors. They were also renamed school attendance officers.

Roy Andrew is auditor at \$125.00, the same as last year. Reeve Toole asked the members to give some thought to a scheme whereby taxpayers would have an opportunity to pay their taxes earlier in the year, and obtain a discount for so doing. Other places extend this opportunity, and those who can pay do so and receive a liberal discount, equivalent to the rate township pay the bank for borrowed money. The idea would be to issue the tax bills so that one could pay the levy perhaps on October 1st, 75 days before the demand. The money paid in would offset bank loans, it was said. Mr. Toole said he was not pressing the matter, but felt something along this line might be worked out.

Accounts ordered paid:  
Gen. Supply Co. repairs . \$4.80  
F. Preston, grader, salary . 9 45  
C. Preston, snow fence . 5 50  
F. Preston, snow fence . 2 00  
H. Preston, snow fence . 3 75  
W. Spence, snow fence . 1 50  
S. Fockler, snow fence . 1 00  
B. Degeer, sand pile . 1 50  
Geo. Windsor, trucking . 4 50  
P. Spofford, trucking . 75  
J. H. Widdifield, supt. . 28 00  
Com. News, adv. . 7 50  
Sam. Moorehead, T.L.E. . 19 00  
Newmarket Era, adv. . 3 20  
\$92 45

## GASPILFERER ARRESTED NEAR UNIONVILLE

John McNeice, a Markham Township farm employee was arrested on Saturday by Constable Gayman charged with gasoline theft, and was remanded in County Court until next Monday.

McNeice was charged with stealing some twenty gallons of gasoline from the tank of Jas. Barrie, our westend farmer, and ten gallons from Willis Lehman's car at Almira. A car parked on Markham's north townline was also looted and last Wednesday a quantity was lifted from a machine parked at the Gormley Mennonite Church, where the owner was attending prayer meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson of Newmarket are holidaying in Florida, many friends of Mr. Patterson in the Bloomington district, will be interested to know.

### VILLAGE CLERK 74 TO-DAY



Village clerk and treasurer John S. Dougherty is this day (Thursday) open to receive the hearty congratulations of all his friends on the occasion of his 74th birthday. The Tribune adds its might of good wishes to those of our citizens in general.

## No Cases For Monday's Court

His Honor Judge Lovering came to town on Monday morning with an official stenographer all ready to hear any cases up for argument in division Court, but strange to say, there was nothing to proceed with. Only two items were on the docket, but neither was aired in court.

Judge Lovering made reference to the comfortable quarters, provided by the town for his court, which was particularly inviting in view of the fact the thermometer was hovering close to zero outside. It was the first time in a year that no cases were disposed of at the annual bi-monthly court.

## Former Ringwood Teacher Buried

The funeral service for the late Mrs. James Joyce was held in Christ Church, Deer Park, Toronto, on Monday afternoon of this week. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The late Mrs. Joyce (nee Edith Armitage) taught school a number of years ago at Ringwood and Unionville, before going to Western Canada where she continued in her profession for a number of years.

At Unionville on January 1st, 1913, she was married to Mr. James Joyce who owns a large ranch at De Winton, and was also at that time connected with a large lumber company, but after some years he gave up his interest in the lumber business and since then he and Mrs. Joyce have resided at De Winton.

About a year ago Mrs. Joyce was stricken with illness and after a short time in Calgary Hospital, it was decided she would come to Toronto for further treatment. Here she passed away on Saturday, January 6th, at the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. W. G. Leggett.

Mrs. Joyce was an Anglican in religion and bore her illness with great patience, and Christian fortitude. Always of a bright and cheerful disposition, she won many friends.

She leaves her sorrowing husband, two sons, James H. and Wallace R. both located in Toronto, also her mother Mrs. Armitage of Unionville, one brother Herb. of Aurora, also two sisters Mrs. Spring of New York and Mrs. (Dr.) Leggett of Toronto. Many of her former pupils will mourn her passing.

## BIG SHIPMENT OF HONEY FOR ENGLAND

Last week J. L. Byer & Sons loaded 20 tons of honey at Markham station for shipment to England. It is now on the ocean, and what a sweet banquet the fishes would have if a German torpedo sends the ship to the bottom. Freight and ocean rates on such a shipment total several hundred dollars, but England likes our honey which is looked on as a necessity these days.

The big order was sold by a cable message which contained fewer words than a housewife would use in buying a mouse trap.

## Town Electrician Holds Limelight

The village electrician received \$1.10 per hour for his services in Stouffville last year, it was revealed on Monday evening when the council went into a study of the work in this department. Reeve Weldon said that undoubtedly most complaints, right or wrong, came from the work of this department, and the council was constantly held to ridicule. Councillor Rusnell checked up the time of the electrician for the past year, from the time sheets submitted by the electrician, and it showed that his pay of \$60 month, averaged \$1.10 per hour while on duty.

Councillor Delbert Holden said that a man paid that sum would have to be paid a considerable amount for what he knows, for labor is not that high.

"Well," said the reeve, this matter is in the hands of the committee (Councillor Rusnell, chairman) and we are open for suggestions. Mr. Rusnell said there is a demand to know what the work consists of, and now with a year's complete time-sheet he was prepared to disclose the facts. He admitted time allowed on various jobs was liberal.

The reeve thought that if care was taken to render service to the users of current, there would not be a definite set against the electrician who, he said, was not overpaid according to standards of other municipalities around. However, he said, if other places waste money its no reason why we should follow them.

A point not brought out is that a man who is on constant call should receive a premium for his services, as standby time.

Mr. Rusnell expressed opposition to the electrician hiring help for work he thought could be done alone which help council always paid. Mr. Holden didn't understand this, and said he thought if the electrician was paid this money to do the job any assistance he got was up to him.

## Last Year's Vital Statistics Recorded

It was reported to the municipal council Monday evening that there had been 51 births in Stouffville in 1939, 13 marriages, and 26 deaths. Clerk Dougherty, the recorder of these statistics is entitled to 25c for each registration, and this the council granted payment for. The population would be definitely on the upswing if we were able to keep all the babies who start life here, but most of them find their homes in the district outside the town. Since the advent of hospital and nursing home the birth rate is sharply in advance of the death rate.

14 below zero late Saturday night was the cause of few shoppers being found on the street.