

## Cherrywood Gravel Pit Promising Oil Deposit

At Sunderland in the Township of Brock there is quite a stir reported regarding an oil find. War needs and demands have had a more than usual interest in possibly further oil development in Ontario.

At Sunderland investigation of oil is developing, while in the Sharon district, just northeast of Newmarket, a fine prospect has been uncovered, according to the promoters. Another local interest in oil lies in a prospect at Udora. Cherrywood, in Pickering Township is also in the oil line. The Tribune is informed that the old gravelpit presents one of the finest prospects in old Ontario.

In this connection is the following clipping, taken from the Globe and Mail's financial column:

"At no time since boom days in early Ontario history has so much attention been directed to latent oil possibilities. Manitoulin Island and Bruce Peninsula seem to have the call at the moment, and, in fact, actual drilling has just been started in the former area, but there are others further east that have been under investigation and which, in the opinion of men who have had experience in the business, offer chances as good as many presented in the earlier history of Texas, California, Wyoming, Oklahoma and elsewhere, poohpoohed by the wise boys then, just as they are being scoffed at here now.

"One section in particular which seems to merit development lies in the vicinity of Sunderland, in the northeast corner of York County, where an apparent dome, rising to an elevation of about 1,000 feet above sea level, runs northeast-southwest for about thirty miles, taking in part of the northwest corner of Durham County and the southwest corner of Victoria County.

"Rock exposures are few, and as we understand the situation, no geological reports had been made by either the Dominion or the Provincial department. Claim is made that sands carrying petroleum in other localities have been identified in the vicinity of Peterboro and they may be penetrated in the Sunderland area at a depth of around 1,000 feet. Certainly the cost of drilling to that depth should not scare any man who has even a vestige of pioneerism left in his system.



Murray Sinclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sinclair of Ringwood who is now in training with the R.C.A.F.

## Old Mill Site Sold at 5th Concession

Frank Harvey of Gormley reports having sold the old mill property at the corner of the 5th concession of Whitchurch and the Markham townline, six miles west of town, to a Mr. Langfellow of Toronto. The mill was removed from the property a few years ago and established at Gormley, but the attractive sight and pond privileges were always considered to be an ideal location for a lovely country home. Mr. Langfellow who is now in possession, has a gang of men engaged repairing the dam and will later stock the place with fish.

**OFFICERS RE-ELECTED**  
Stouffville War Veterans re-elected last year's officers for another year on Monday evening. George Myland of Ringwood is president. R. Middleton, Vice-President of York County conducted the election.

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## Councillor would Resign to Become Town Cop

Nine people applied for the position of constable for Stouffville in response to an advertisement inserted in this paper last week. The position is only a part-time job.

When the applications were read before the village council meeting Monday evening, Councillor Ira Rusnell said that he would retire while the list was under consideration because he was one of the applicants. He offered to take the job at the prevailing price of \$400. Mr. Rusnell withdrew from the chambers, but the council was unable to make any headway.

No one in the list of applicants was given their stamp of approval and it was decided to meet with Reeve Weldon at his home and further consider the list. Acting Reeve Ross Brown, and Councillors Delbert Holden and John Silverthorn were present at the meeting. When Mr. Rusnell returned he was advised that the matter had been left for future consideration. It was suggested that if none of the applicants were acceptable, council might approach certain individuals whom they think would satisfactorily fill the job. In the meantime the village is without usual police protection. The list of applicants and the

## Serious Accident Narrowly Averted

Operating the stone crusher in the gravel pit on the Jess Cook farm north of town last Saturday, Frank Roberts of Unionville just missed being mangled in the large conveyor belt by inches. He had climbed to the top of the machine to attend to something, when his pant leg caught in the heavy sure-moving belt, which dragged him down to the wheel. Just at this point someone shut off the machine and saved him from being broken over the wheel. It was a narrow escape, for if the machine had made a couple of more revolutions, he might have been smashed up in a serious way. As it was Frank lost his pants which were fairly torn from his limbs, so that it was

## REVISION COURT HAS SHORT SESSION

Only a minor appeal engaged the attention of the Court of Revision on the assessment roll for the village of Stouffville Monday evening. Acting reeve R. E. Brown was chairman, and the single claim came from Herbert and Robert Burnett on a house property situated in the lane at the rear of Storey's drug store. The assessment of \$100 on the lot and \$200 on the house was sustained. The house is unfit for habitation, and the location at the rear of the stores is undesirable. With no other appeals the court adjourned confirming the roll of \$650,525 for taxation purposes.

## Enthusiatic Support for Red Cross

The Red Cross meeting for the ladies of Stouffville and Whitchurch Township held on Monday afternoon in the Council Chambers was largely attended and those present unanimously resolved to form both a sewing and knitting branch to work under the Red Cross organization. Committees were formed to carry on the work and already material has been ordered. While no canvas will be made for funds to carry on this work, the Executive will depend on the generosity of the patriotic citizens of this Village and the Township of Whitchurch to supply funds. Mr. Reg. Stouffer, Treasurer of the Red Cross wishes to acknowledge the following donations for the above work fund: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grove \$2.00, J. K. Agnew 10.00, Jubilee Chapter O.E.S. 10.00, Jos. Borinsky 20.00, E. A. Button 25.00, F. L. Button 50.00. Blankets are pouring in to Mr. Button's office after the appeal made in the Churches last Sunday, and the names of the donors will be published in our next issue.

## Heart Ailment Fatal to Malc. Connor

Seriously ill only since a week ago last Saturday our well known Ballantrae and Musselman Lake resident, Malcolm Connor passed away at his farm home there on Monday morning, June 3. Prior to his last illness he had been in delicate health for a year, and was not able to do much work on his 80 acres of farm land.

Malcolm Connor was born at Lincolnville 70 years ago, a son of Benjamin Connor. He spent all his entire life in the neighborhood where he died, and is survived by an only brother Ralph. There are two sisters living, Mrs. W. Cockerell, Ballantrae, and Mrs. W. Bovair in Sask., Mrs. Everett Barnes, deceased, was also a sister. As a young man he married Sarah Gray who died 23 years ago. To this union an only son Earl G. Connor survives. Nineteen years ago Mr. Connor married as his second wife Gertrude Barnes, who survives him.

A man of more or less retiring nature, he never sought public office, but did serve for fifteen years as a school trustee for S.S. No. 11, Ballantrae. He was an adherent of Ballantrae United Church for long years, and the funeral on Wednesday afternoon to Church Hill cemetery, was conducted by his pastor Rev. W. E. Irwin, Lemonville. Many life-long friends and acquaintances were in attendance.

necessary to borrow a pair of overalls in order to make home while maintaining the requirements of the law respecting nakedness.

## Nine Appeals, Minor Reductions Granted

Only nine appeals were filed against the million and a half dollar assessment in the Township of Whitchurch, it was disclosed when the council resolved into a Court of Revision last Saturday to deal with complaints. The net change was a reduction of \$400, two appellants obtaining \$100 each, and one \$200. All other appeals were dismissed.

It was, however, decided to investigate the complaint of the Lake Simcoe Ice Co. that their property near Yonge street contains 180.75 acres, whereas the assessment calls for 196 acres. The court could not believe the land was short, but according to Mr. Rogers who presented the appeal, W. S. Gibson & Son had made a survey and found the discrepancy complained of. The company pay taxes on an assessment of \$5,900.

It was a noticeable fact that not a single resident farmer entered an appeal. The nearest approach was when George Foote on the Markham Whitchurch Townline (a Markham resident) asked for a reduction on his Whitchurch farm which he maintained had grown into disrepair through a period of time in the hands of tenants.

Reeve Earl Toole presided over the court which composed Deputy Reeve Jess Cook, Councillors Herb. Wells, Herman Kidd, George Leary. The members were duly sworn in by Clerk John Crawford.

The actual appeals and the disposition in each case were: Mrs. Annie Hobson, Toronto, assessment two-high on lot 5, plan 184 (Wilcox Lake). Reduced \$100.

James Fairhead estate, Toronto, assessment too high on lot 28, con. 1, east and west parts. Clerk and assessor to check up. Lake Simcoe Ice Co., Toronto, over assessed at Wilcox Lake to be checked up.

Frank Harvey, Gormley, over assessed on his property at lot 1, con. 4. Assessment sustained. Bruce F. Hunter, Newmarket, assessment too high on his residence, lot 94, con. 1, near Newmarket. Reduced \$200.

Mrs. Frank Prosser, Newmarket, wrongfully assessed for house at lot 26, con. 4. Assessment was made in accordance with a judge's order directing Mrs. Prosser to pay the taxes. She appears to hold a life lease on the house built as a separate dwelling on the farm left by her late husband. Mrs. Prosser maintained her son had to pay the taxes, but son who appeared in court challenged the claim of his mother. The taxes involved total about \$7 annually.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beacon, Toronto, assessment too high on lot 12, plan, 191, (Wilcox Lake). Assessment sustained. J. C. Linton, Toronto, over assessed at Wilcox Lake. Assessment sustained. George Foote assessed for



F. John Button, M.D.

Among the 1940 Medical Graduates of the University of Toronto is John Button, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Button.

The Medical Degree will be conferred on him at Convocation Hall, June 6th.

Dr. Button will commence his duties as an interne at Western Hospital, Toronto, in July.

## ANY OLD CLOTHING?

The War Branch are prepared to make over second hand clothing for the refugees. Anyone having anything that can be made over for children or adults, please advise the President Mrs. Geo. Lee or Miss Mae Mowder, convener of sewing.

## Sunday Weddings

**STOUFFER-MEYER**

On Sunday morning, June 2, the marriage was quietly solemnized of Mary Elizabeth Lewis and Reginald Stouffer, two of our popular young people. Rev. H. Shantz tied the nuptial knot at the M.E.C. parsonage at nine o'clock when the happy couple immediately left by motor on a trip that may take them as far as Washington. The bride wore a travelling suit of navy blue, and was unattended. She was the popular clerk in the Dominion Stores for the past few years, while the groom is employed at the Brathwaite Hardware. On their return they will reside in part of Mrs. Meyer's residence on Main street, and will have the best wishes of a large host of friends for a long and happy life.

**TRANMER-OVER**

Walter M. Tranmer and Rose M. Over of Toronto were united in matrimony by Rev. E. Morton, on Sunday, June 2nd. The bride wore a grey ensemble with red accessories and was attended by Mrs. D. Wagg, while the groom was supported by Mr. Wagg. The young couple intend to reside at Vivian.

\$3,800 on lot 7, con. 9, received a cut of \$100 on buildings.

## James Monks Awarded Full Damage Claim

In Division Court at Markham last Monday Mr. James Monks of Stouffville was awarded the full amount of his claim \$14.75, plus costs for damage done his car when it collided with a car driven by Mr. J. C. Burns on April 11 last. The accident happened in Markham village when Mr. Monks was passing through the place. Burns attempted to turn around with his car from the curb, resulting in both cars colliding. Burns counter claim for \$100 was dismissed. F. L. Button for Monks showed that Burns failed to give the necessary signal when he pulled from the curb to make a complete turn around.

## OFFER SERVICES FOR THE AIR FORCE

Two more young men from this district have offered their services for the R.C.A.F. and are awaiting their call. Glen Gibbons a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbons of Lemonville and Jack Nigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Nigh of Almira have both past their preliminary examinations for the service.

Mrs. Lennox who has just vacated the Nendick property on O'Brien Avenue is occupying the Fred Betz bungalow on Main street on the school hill.

## PAYS \$5 AND COSTS FOR CARELESS DRIVING

Bill Baker of Markham charged with careless driving in connection with a recent accident on the 8th concession was found guilty and sentenced with \$5 and costs when he appeared in County Court on Monday. Peggy Davidson received a nasty gash across the throat which sent her to the hospital, as a result of this accident at Ringwood.

## Historic Farm Near Markham is Sold

The sale is reported this week of Braeside Park farm, in Markham township, to Dr. O. L. Stanton, who flew down from Yellowknife last week for the purpose of purchasing a farm. On securing the property, Dr. Stanton and his wife returned to Yellowknife by plane. The vendors of the farm are J. Grant Milne and Miss Estelle Milne.

The farm, which consists of some 95 acres, is located within a half-mile of Markham. The river Rouge flows along its southern edge, almost its full length. On the farm the river is widened into a large pond, backed by a concrete dam, built in 1911 by A. W. Milne, who also was its inventor. This is said to be the first steel and concrete arc dam ever built.

This property was purchased in 1824 by the late Peter Milne and has been the home of three Milne generations for 116 years.

The large, old-fashioned brick residence is now an architectural curiosity. It has a large cellar kitchen, where all cooking originally was done in a fireplace. The food to be cooked was placed in iron pots and swung over the fire by means of a crane. The upstairs rooms still have the original fire-places. The vendors, Mr. and Miss Milne, will remain on the farm until the fall of 1941.

## Lawn Bowlers in Action on Monday

Persistent rain has delayed the opening of the local lawn bowling season but it is hoped that on Monday, June 10, at 8 p.m. will see all members, new and old, lined up for the President vs. Vice-President match. Following this a regular schedule of rink games will be played each Monday evening, to include every available player, other nights being left open for doubles or other games as decided by the committee named for that purpose.

Besides those listed, some few players are left for extra rinks. These are the rinks as drawn for opening games:

W.C. Sanders, A.V. Nolan, P. Spofford, A.C. Burkholder s; H. Bannerman, Frank Rae, J.K. Agnew, J.M. Storey s; L.E. O'Neill, R. Button, F. Carruthers, F. Marshall s; B. Lickorish, Rev. L.E. Atkinson, T.B. Rae, G. Lemon s; George Lee, M. Tait, J.S. Dougherty, J. H. Ratcliff s; G. Bailey, Ross Ratcliff, Geo. Saunders, D. Davis s; J.G. Spence, O. Lehman, J.B. Sanders, M.E. Watts s; R. Snowball, W. Still, A. H. Williams, C. D. Pipher s; H. Greenwood, J. Borinsky, R. Johnston, W.R. Sanders s; Dr. Weatherill, E.A. Button, C. Armstrong, F.L. Button s; D. Hodgins, L.C. Murphy, Ira Aldred, Thos. Birkett s.

## CHINESE CAFE CLOSED

The Chinese Cafe in the Silvester block was closed up last week under seizure for rent. Bob and Alex, the two lads who have grown up and were educated in the local school left for Toronto, and may be gone from town for good. This we suppose will depend on the ability of Harry Fong to redeem the business. The place enjoyed an enormous tobacco trade.