

Local Tax Rate Struck Shows But Slight Change From Last Year's Figure

On Monday evening Stouffville municipal council struck the tax rate at 26 mills, which is a slight increase over last year of half a mill. The half mill increase is due to the fact that the Ontario government last year, paid 1 1/2 mills of our rate, but this year are paying one mill. The council could not absorb the half mill and had to pass it on to the ratepayers. However, it will mean only a few cents to the average tax payer.

The rateable property is \$650,425, and the rates making up the 26 mills are as follows:

Money raised	Mill rate
\$3,008.42	County rate 4.7
3,577.35	General rate 5.5
3,921.84	Road debenture 6.
3,504.40	school debenture 5.4
560.00	Public library 1.
1,524.00	Street lights 2.4
6,879.00	School purposes 10.5
320.00	Relief .5

The reeve said he had followed the usual custom in proclaiming the first Monday in August as Civic Holiday, and council approval of the action.

Wesley Hill appeared at the meeting and protested that a tree had been cut in front of his lot on Clark street, also that wood was being piled on the street allowance. Council said they had given no authority to cut a tree, and took steps to investigate the complaint. Reeve Weldon presided at the meeting all members being present, namely R. E. Brown, Ira Rusnell, Delbert Holden, and John Silverthorn.

TWINS BORN 16 POUNDS

While not the first pair of twins to be born at the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville the babes presented to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cleverdon on the 7th concession of Markham last week, are the first living twins born in that institution, and their weight is 16 pounds. They're a great pair, one 8 1/2 and the other 7 1/2 pounds, and judging by reports these young fellows are going to enjoy life immensely. Just now they are going to be as popular as the Quints.

Altona Boy Injured in Motor Accident

Travelling north on the 8th concession of Markham on Friday night Earl McNair ditched his car near the Wideman Church, and received serious injury to his shoulder. He was conveyed to the General Hospital, where his condition is still considered serious. His companions, Dawson Hare and Bill Mantle, came out with only a few bruises.

Earl turned out for a passing car, during a heavy rain, and fearing that he was about to go into the ditch on the right side, swung the car sharply back as the other car passed, only to land in the ditch on the left side of the road. The passing car did not know anything was wrong and failed to stop.

JR. FARMERS TO HOLD AMBULANCE DANCE

At one of the largest directors' meetings in the history of the York County Junior Farmers held in the office of the Agricultural Representative at Newmarket on Monday night, it was decided unanimously to accept the very generous offer of Mr. George Davies of Musselman's Lake, to donate the Cedar Beach pavilion and orchestra for a mammoth dance for the Junior Farmers' Ambulance Fund, on Monday, August 19th.

LOCAL JEWELLER WEDS

Jacob L. Smith, successor to H. Pollard in the jewelry business in the Grubin block, has taken a bride. On Tuesday this week the local apostle of correct time was united in marriage with Miss Bernice Winger of Vaughan Township. After a honeymoon trip they will take up residence in their new home just built on Fair street, south of Edw Pennock's residence.

SHORT FIRE CALL

On Monday evening the Fire Brigade was summoned to a threatened blaze at the rear of the block back from Storey's drug store, but it was quickly placed under control with little damage indicated.

Local Hydro Hits Peak During the Month of June

The month of June reached an all-time high point in demand for electrical current by Stouffville from the Ontario Hydro Commission. Our peak demand was 299.2 h.p., and strange to say our peak occurs on a Tuesday between 11 and 12 in the morning. A thing it has been doing for a year or more. It is estimated that with so many electric stoves cooking dinner, plus the fact that Tuesday is ironing day in the majority of homes, a peak load is registered. We have not drawn a night peak twice in a year.

To the uninitiated, the peak load means the highest amount of current demanded in a period of twenty minutes. An apparatus registers the draw taken by the whole village, so that if, during one hour we were using a total of 100 h.p., and the next enough users turned on lights to demand another 50 h.p. then this is all charted by the machine, and we pay on the highest drawn of the month.

The cost of power to the village for June was \$1,009.80, while receipts from customers was around \$1,700. The difference between the cost of power and the receipts goes to maintain the local system.

At Cedar Beach for Civic Holiday



"Miss Toronto 1940"

The Tribune contacted Miss Frances Oxtoby, the sixteen year old sweet, slim girl, pictured here, who won the title of Miss Toronto at the Police Games last week. "I have heard of Musselman's Lake but I have never been there," Miss Oxtoby confided to us. Now she is going to see the popular Cedar Beach on the north shores for "Miss Toronto" is to be a guest at the big Civic Holiday function, and will act as one of the judges. She will not, of course, be in competition, Mr. George Davies who has secured this lovely city girl now in the limelight, points out.

Six New Cottages at Musselman's This Year

Although lots have not been selling so briskly at Musselman's Lake this year there have still been six new cottages erected since last season according to a check-up made by The Tribune recently.

The north shore claims one of these on Evans Dr., having been built by Mark Underwood. On the east shore, McNelly's Drive, Mr. C. Crawford has completed a new residence, while a Mr. Young of Toronto is at work on a new garage.

Robert Windsor, contractor of Ballantrae has been engaged in the building of two new dwellings, one for Mr. C. Kennedy on Connor Dr., and the other beside the Topper farm on the 9th concession of Whitchurch. This latter cottage was contracted for by Wes. Schell of Stouffville.

Fred Cummings also of Ballantrae completed a new imitation brick dwelling this spring

for J. Westwood on Mitchell Dr., east side. A further cottage is also being built on the south sideroad leading into the lake for H. Burkholder, material being supplied by a Toronto firm.

Other building improvements were completed this year at several of the amusement spots, including Moon Haven on the east side and operated by W. Hoskin where additions were made to both booth and open-air dance floor, to Cedar Beach grounds where several new cabins have been added, and Winsome Hall which got a new roof this spring. This latter Hall is owned by Percy Winterstein who is a frequent visitor to Stouffville from the States.

Markham, Hydro also report a number of new services.

Mrs. J. Galloway of Sarrisa, is visiting with her brother Mr. Joe Wideman, Whitby Twp.

On the Beach -NEWS-

Plans are completed for the tenth annual Ratepayers picnic at Appleton's Park, Civic Holiday.

Postmaster Jas. Pigeon makes the request that all campers and cottagers check up with the local office at Winsome Hall as considerable mail has been un-called for.

Congratulations are being offered to the proudest man around the lake these days, Grandpa J. Halliwell.

Last Sunday was the annual visit of the Salvation Army to Musselman's Lake. The Army band favored the cottagers with a short concert at several points around the lake and a substantial collection is reported.

Shadow Lake reports a full house last week with 180 Eaton employees in camp. A short time ago the Eaton Camp put over a Red Cross festival with receipts of over \$2,000.

Perhaps only a few are aware that on Cedar Beach Drive there is a cottage name "Finlandia" operated by Mr. and Mrs. N. Ouja where one can obtain a real wholesome Finnish meal, a night's lodging with a steam-bath thrown in. These native Finns tell us that their baths are busy most of the time. The original method of hot stones and cold water is still used.

Mrs. R. C. Evans, mother of Billy Evans, a past president of the Ratepayers Association, is very ill at her home in Toronto. Mrs. Evans is quite an elderly lady and this is the first season she has missed coming to the lake in 23 years which is quite a record. She was one of the first to locate there and built a cottage, purchasing a lot, then an orchard, from the Graham farm. This farm was later bought by Eatons and makes up part of the Shadow Lake property. Mrs. Evans is doing as well as can be expected for one of her years, and she is greatly missed from her home on Evans Drive, north shore.

Each season sees an ever-increasing number of boats get their initial ducking in Musselman's Lake. This year is no exception and past weekends has seen the water fairly dotted with small craft of every description. One local sailor Norman O'Boyle of Stouffville has the distinction of being the first to use a surf-board on Musselman's and has given a number of local sons quite a thrill lately by towing them around the pond at high speed on the slippery timber. Markham is also likely to christen a trim 13-foot launch in this Whitchurch water in the near future. The new boat is being built by Messrs. John Williamson and Jack Todds of the sister town and is just getting the finishing touches prior to launching.

A distinct loss is felt around the north side of the Lake this season due to the sudden death of Mrs. Charles Neal in April. Mrs. Neal who operated a boarding house on Evans Drive, was one of the most highly respected cottagers at Musselman's. There was never a more willing hand when help was needed and many the "small fry" can recall the sympathetic first-aid rendered when a contankerous fish hook got in his hand or cut on the foot sent him in tears to her door. Mrs. Neal was the founder of the Musselman's Lake Ladies' Aid and was the organization's first president.

Additional Lake news on inside pages.

Overtaken by Tragedy On the Bowling Green

Albert E. Miller, Prominent Uxbridge Citizen and Native of Mount Albert Died in Midst of Game.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week while engaged in play at the Cannington Lawn Bowling tournament at the northern town, Albert E. Miller of Uxbridge expired suddenly on the greens. He was seen to slump to the ground, and passed away immediately. Dr. Mellow, one of his partners in the game, was at hand when the tragedy overtook them. Mr. Miller had been bowling excellent ends, and had made a second kitty toucher for which he was being warmly congratulated a moment before.

In ill health for some years suffering from a nervous breakdown, Mr. Miller was considered to be greatly improved lately, and enjoyed his favorite pastime on the green immensely. Only a week before his death he bowled at Stouffville in the annual men's tournament. At Cannington he was accompanied by Dr. Mellow, Andrew McPhail, and Fred Willis.

Born at Mount Albert, Ab., as he was called by his wide circle of friends, spent his early life there and conducted a boot and shoe business. He married Maggie Lemon, sister of Misses Mary and Jessie Lemon of Church street, Stouffville. The happy union was shockingly short for Mrs. Miller died in two years, as did their infant child. After this Mr. Miller went to Uxbridge where he lived most of his life with his sister Mrs. J. F. Brownscombe. Later in life he married Mabel Button, daughter of the late A. T. Button of that town, who predeceased him in 1925.

The funeral from the Browns-

combe home in Uxbridge on Saturday took place to Uxbridge cemetery.

A peculiar incident in connection with the manner of Mr. Miller's death is the fact that his office partner for many years, F.W. Thompson, also died suddenly on the bowling green in Uxbridge a few years ago.

FLYING WEST THIS EVENING

Mr. John Ratcliff will fly from Toronto this Thursday evening at 10:45 for Calgary where he will arrive the next morning at the same hour, 10:45, over the Transcontinental Airways. By normal means of travel this is a trip of 2,000 miles.

Ross Davis is New Tax Collector

K. Ross Davis was appointed to the position of tax collector for the village of Stouffville on Monday evening receiving the unanimous vote of the whole council from Reeve Weldon down.

The first instalment of taxes is due on the 1st of September when the new collector will be getting his baptism into handling the town's Doomsday Book. Long and lanky, our new tax collector is not an exact pattern of little Zuccheus of bible days, but he says he is just as good a tree climber, and in case of accident can mend his own trousers, (Ross is a tailor by trade).

Salary attached to the job is \$125, with the town providing the necessary bond which must be placed on all collectors of taxes.



MUSSELMAN'S LAKE RETREAT FOR BATHERS