

Unanimous in Submitting Two Year Term Vote

In line with action taken by the great majority of municipalities over the province, the Township of Whitchurch without a dissenting voice last Saturday decided to submit to the ratepayers a vote on the two-year term for councillors. The clerk had a bylaw prepared in anticipation of such action. Reeve Toole said he noted that one municipality in the county had passed the bylaw reserving the right to cancel it; should there be no election for councillors, "but," said he, "I deem it unwise to insert any such provision, whereupon Clerk Crawford submitted a letter from the Township solicitor, stating in his opinion there was no provision in the statutes for any such course. "I wouldn't be in favor of that anyway," said the reeve. "It's a case of either submitting the question or not submitting it, and all members agreed."

Councillor H. Kidd moved that council read the bylaw, and Deputy Reeve Cook moved later that council go into committee of the whole council, when the bylaw was given its several readings and sent on to the ratepayers to pass their approval or disapproval on at the time of the township nominations on January 6.

Councillor George Leary moved that a grant of \$10 be made to the Whitchurch Township Veterans for the purchase of a wreath to place on the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Councillor Kidd seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The C.N.R. notified council that they had decided to the municipality to small pieces of land at the overhead bridge in Vandorf to be used in widening the roadway and a longer bridge span at this point. The transfer was made without cost to the township.

Council accepted the offer of George Windsor to operate a snow plow using a large truck satisfactory to the township at a rate of \$2.00 per hour. The agreement is subject to the approval of the Dept. of Highways. In view of the fact that the township grader is located on the west side of the township, it was thought necessary that a truck on the east side should be engaged. (Continued on page 8)

ONE SHOT BRINGS DOWN BIG BRUIN

Hunting in the Hawk Lake district, Haliburton county, Edgar Brownsberger, one of our local hunters from Ringwood, shot a five foot black bear weighing about 160 pounds. Edgar was hunting deer when he came across old bruin, and finished him with one shot, although the bear ran quite a distance before he fell dead.

Tractor Victim is Buried at Zephyr

Last Friday Rev. Arthur Lehman, pastor of the Mennonite church at Zephyr, assisted by Rev. I. Brubacher of Gormley conducted the funeral service for the late William Black who was killed in a tractor accident on his farm near Zephyr on Tuesday. The victim was only 45 years of age, and was an ex-service man from the last war. He had lived for nine years among the people where he met his tragic end, and was well regarded.

The terrible shock to the family was intensified by the death of a sister in Toronto at about the same time the unfortunate man passed away. Besides his wife who was the former Marie Keller, a son 3 years and baby daughter 6 months old survive.

WILL NEIGHBORLY NEWS BROADCAST BELIEVE THIS ONE ?

From over at Port Perry The Tribune is in receipt of a letter by W. H. Milner, telling us that he is in possession of a maple leaf measuring 12 1/2 x 10 inches with a stem 7 1/2 inches. Adds Mr. Milner:

"I hear quite often Andy Clark telling of what great things you have around Stouffville, from big turnips to puff balls, so I thought I'd do a bit of puffing for Port Perry." The maple leaf our emblem dear,
The maple leaf forever.

FRIENDS MEET ON THE STREET AFTER 20 YEARS

Hailed by a passing motorist last Sunday on Main street, Rev. H. Shantz, pastor of the M.B.C. church, was surprised to meet an old friend whom he had not seen in 20 years. It was none other than Mr. George Sexsmith, who when a young fellow hob-nobbed with the now Mennonite pastor, back in Didsbury, Alta. Mr. Sexsmith is now a resident of Toronto, and was motoring from his summer cottage on the Stugog, not knowing that his boyhood friend was stationed in Stouffville.

It all goes to prove that the genial pastor hasn't lost his boyhood looks since he became a man and put away childish things.

HIGH WIND WHIPS UP CHIMNEY BLAZE

The terrific wind storm which swept over this section Monday evening was a record for some years. Fortunately little damage was done, other than tearing off doors and shingles. At the height of the storm the chimney on Mrs. Jacks house on Main street east caught fire, but the timely aid of neighbors saved calling the brigade. Flames shot skyward in a threatening manner for half an hour, but Len Keeping acting as stepple jack brought it under control, and saved a serious and threatening situation.

Emblems of Sacrifice Sold at Annual Poppy Day

Remembrance Day with its poignant yet proud memories, called us to its adequate observance, this year with increasing insistence. The War has renewed the understanding of the need for sacrifice and service in the defence of our Country and the principles for which we stand. The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League has for many years accepted as an honoured trust the direction of the observance of Remembrance Day with its accompanying Poppy Campaign.

Poppy Day was held this year in Stouffville on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Although the fund was well subscribed to contributions were slightly down from that of last year.

Local veterans assembled at the Municipal Hall on Sunday morning and proceeded to the Memorial Gates where a Provincial wreath was laid by Mrs. John Pearson while Mrs. George Saunders placed the wreath for the local veterans. Later the soldiers proceeded to the cemetery where some fifteen graves were decorated.

During the afternoon the Stouffville contingent travelled to Richmond Hill to join in the annual service conducted by the council of that town.

Farmer is Found Unconscious, Death Follows Same Day

When the baker called on Tuesday morning at the lonely bachelor home of John Matheson 73-year-old farmer living a mile and a quarter north of Goodwood, he found Matheson lying in an unconscious condition. The bread man quickly summoned help, and Matheson was removed to the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville still in an unconscious condition. He passed away later in the afternoon without scarcely regaining consciousness. He lived around Goodwood for perhaps 25 years.

ed the posts piled on Nesbitt's property. He admitted readily in court that he had removed them and taken them home. To leave them on the site only invited them being put up again.

Magistrate Woodliff order Nesbitt to rebuild the fence in its original place and was given a week to do the work in, when he will reappear in court again.

To a Plowman

When the Plowmen's Association of Ontario received an offer from the American Association to pay the greater part of the expenses of two or more Canadian plowmen to go to Davenport, Iowa, and take part in the championship plowing match featured by the Annual State Corn-Husking Competition considerable gratification was expressed.

For several years efforts had been made to induce American plowmen to come across the line and try their skill against the Canadians but to no avail, so it was with considerable enthusiasm that the committee appointed set about the task of selecting suitable men for the job, and they made no mistake when Mr. Fred Timbers, Stouffville, was one of the three selected.

The Iowa State competition consisted of champions of sixteen different states, one man from each state, and the three Canadians, these being all who took part, and when the five judges reached their decision the winner was Fred Timbers with a score of 92.95 points against the Illinois champion's 92.

It was all tractor work and the judging was different to that in the Canadian matches, the men not being required to finish their lands, the start and straight plowing only being judged.

Great applause was given the Canucks and they were asked to do some finished work for exhibition which they did showing the Yankees something they had never seen before—A finish with only one wheel track showing.

Mr. Fred Timbers is a champion plowman in Canada having won 76 first prizes, and his collections of trophies is something to be proud of. He has been a winner both with horses and tractors, and now bringing home the supreme championship prize from the crack Middle-West Competition is another great honor added.

The other two young men who went on the trip, Alex. Black of Guelph and George Hostrosser, Malton were also in the money winning fourth and eighth places respectively.

Mr. J. W. Carrol, manager of the International Plowing Match and Mr. Clark Young, of Milliken, secretary, accompanied the plowmen as representatives of the Plowmen's Association of Ontario.

The great interest shown by the Americans and the widespread advertising it has done for Canadian Agricultural supremacy, will do more toward building up a fine Internationally friendly spirit between the two countries than any other event that has taken place heretofore.

It is only fitting that the Agricultural Committee of York County Council, the Warden and Commissioners, have taken steps to do honor to Mr. Timbers, and to this end a banquet will be tendered the Stouffville plowman, on December 5th.

Thieves Get Six Ladies' Coats

Parking his car on Palmerston Avenue, Toronto, for half an hour one evening last week, some thief forced an entrance and stole a parcel of six ladies' coats from the automobile of Mr. Harry Golden, Stouffville merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden had called on some friends around seven o'clock and at 7.30 went out of the house to their car again, to find the locked door had been forced open. A resident across the street saw a man around the car, but did not realize he was a thief. Considerable other

goods in the car were untouched, which gives rise to the belief that the thief was a pedestrian and could not handle any more booty. Up to Wednesday noon this week no clue to the robber's identity was forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Former residents of Ringwood district, Mr. and Mrs. James Gould Aurora, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. They will be at home to friends from 3 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m.

BIRTHS

Ward—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, Nov. 10th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, Claremont a son.

Pigs Dirty? Better Smile When You Say That, Pard



Pigs are the sweetest, cleanest, best behaved stock in the farmyard, but they have absolutely no eye for beauty. That is the sad plight of Isabel Ferguson and Nora Fulcher, who have come all the way from northern Alberta to prove they know more about bacon on the hoof than any boys in Canada. They competed in the national judging contests for boys' and girls' farm clubs, against 62 contestants from the nine provinces—all provincial champions in their field. Here are some western judges (left to right), Jean Stewart, Isabel Ferguson, Paul Stewart, Martha Hogan, Jennie Quayle, Nora Fulcher.

LOCAL BOY TO AGAIN FILL MARKHAM DEFENSE POST

Bruce "Ike" Harper of Stouffville will again be the main bulwark in the defense of this year's Markham Junior O.H.A. hockey team who took the ice for their first practice in the Ravina Rink, Toronto only a few nights ago.

"Ike" was one of the big spark plugs in last year's outfit which was just nosed out in the finals by Grimsby. Ken, Rusnell of Stouffville who was also on the Markham line-up has passed the junior age-limit.

Jack Harper a cousin of our local lad will fill the net for Markham this year. Jack has had quite a starry career since entering the junior ranks, playing for Northern Vocational School the year they won the Junior pennant while last year he saw service as sub goalie for Marlboro Juniors.

Fowl Suppers Seem To be on Decline

Popular Annual Event is on the Way Out in This Section and Other Districts.

It appears that the 'always-popular fowl supper is on the way out around Stouffville and in many other sections of Ontario. One reason assigned for this is that farmers who formerly contributed fowl for the occasion free gratis, while the townfolk put up the other rations and trimmings, now, for the most part, demand pay for the birds, which of course increases the expenditures to such an extent that when this big item is deducted, the sum realized is hardly in keeping with the effort put forth for the event. Some churches as a consequence have decided to ask a cash contribution from each family in lieu of selling them tickets and requesting supplies for the supper.

Three more centres, Markham village, Ballantrae and Vandorf dropped from the picture this year.

Here is what Editor George James of the Bowmanville Statesman has to say on this subject:

Do you remember the good old days when fowl suppers were a feature, each fall, throughout the bountiful community?

Today people scan the "Coming Events" column and turn mournfully away, for these lush feasts have almost disappeared. This season there have been but two where formerly there were a dozen or more.

No more effective way has ever been devised for raising funds for church endeavours, and patriotic purposes.

Once filled with goose or turkey, with all their rich accompaniments, topped off with pumpkin pies and rich cream, there comes a feeling of expansiveness of fellowship, and good cheer. Then, even the most reluctant melt into the mood that fills the coffers and assures the budget so necessary in the life of any community.

The cold canvass for money falls flat and impotent as measured against these suppers which once were an institution in rural Canadian life. Tremendous effort, yet happy effort, went into their preparation, and our women folk did it all. Their compensation was the pleasure of seeing gourmet and gourmand alike respond to the bounties thus provided and that the cause they sponsored was so bountifully fulfilled.

Let us all join, in any way we may, to bring back more of those good old days. In these distressful times we have need of all the good fellowship that can be created and maintained.

TORONTO MAN TAKES BLOOMINGTON BRIDE

A quiet marriage was solemnized at Olivet Christian-Congregational church on Saturday, Nov. 9, when Mrs. Clara May Lemon of Bloomington and Mr. R. Austin Wagg of Toronto, were united in wedlock. Rev. George H. Hunter performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Toronto.

The Veterans intend to crusade in Stouffville for a mile of coppers Saturday night, Nov. 23.

Finish Soccer Schedule With a 2-1 Victory

Markham Protest Play-Offs—Claim Cup as League Champions

Stouffville wound off their end of the High School soccer schedule on the local grounds last Friday night by edging out Claremont 2 to 1 in one of the most closely contested games of the season.

Claremont despite their lack of weight kept the local pigskin specialists in hot water most of the sixty minutes. Only in the dying moments of the game was the tricky toe of Erwin Raxlin able to tip the scales in local favor when he booted home a nice pass for the winning tally.

Markham Protests

The closing of the schedule finds Markham on the top rung with only one loss to their books and that to Agincourt. Since there was apparently no proper understanding at the beginning of the season with regard to play-offs the southern school claim that the new trophy being donated by Reeve A. E. Weldon of Stouffville is rightly theirs on the grounds that they have finished first in the league. However the other teams don't quite see eye to eye with this argument and claim home and home play-off games the right way to declare a definite champion.

The final game is being played between Agincourt and Claremont this Tuesday, after which the official heads will have to get together and make a quick decision with regard to further competition if the outcome is to be decided before the snow flies.

UNIONVILLE LADY IN MASSEY HALL OPERA

Mrs. R. B. Rae, Unionville, was numbered among the artists who produced the melodramatic and highly humorous "Horse Opera" at Massey Hall on Saturday evening under the auspices of the Citizens Committee for troops in training. The draw for Mary Pickford's diamond studded gold mesh purse took place during the evening, to be won by a Jewish service group who by the way had bought 200 tickets. The proceeds from the sale of tickets for the purse was said to be \$18,000.

Family Feud Over Ballantrae Fence

A line fence dispute between Mr. Sam. Nesbitt and his sister Mrs. W. Coppins, Ballantrae, was aired in police court at Newmarket on Tuesday. The brother was charged with changing the position of the fence between their properties just south of the main corner in the village. The change netted Sam a little more land. He admitted moving the fence to the new position without consultation with his sister whose son replaced it in the original location. Sam then took the fence away, hence a search warrant was gotten out by constable Robert Windsor who located