

## TWO PLANES DOWN AT VICTORIA SQUARE

Two army planes of the R.C.A.F. fighters type made a forced landing last week on the farm of John Brown, south of Victoria Square. The machines were low in gasoline, but made good landings. The pilots in charge immediately sought telephone communication with headquarters at camp, when a plane was promptly dispatched with a supply of petrol. All machines took off successfully from Farmer Brown's field, and hopped back to camp in short time.

## DR. JOHN WEATHERILL MOURNS FATHER'S DEATH

Resident of Stouffville 45 years ago for a year and a half, John Ernest Weatherill died in Toronto last week where he had been a resident for many years. He was in his 74th year, and was the father of Dr. John Weatherill who took over the dental practise of Dr. Neil Smith here.

A native of Markham township Mr. Weatherill was a builder and when in Stouffville worked on the construction of the present United church building, and other properties. Mr. Weatherill was engaged in the coal business in Toronto Junction and West Toronto for 40 years.

He was a member of Victoria Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Toronto, and a past grand lodge officer also a past patron of Unity Chapter, O.E.S. Surviving are Mrs. Weatherill, five daughters and two sons.

## Higher Price For Raw Milk Likely

Mr. W. L. Clark who represents the shippers on the Toronto Milk Board for district No. 6 held out a promise that an increased price for raw milk was in the offing at the annual meeting in Unionville, while at the same time he advised the farmers to take a keener interest in the business of the association. An attendance of only 55 out of 325 members was not good enough.

Ralph Perkins, president presided and Mr. Clark was reappointed and other officers elected are:

President—A. E. Buchanan  
Vice Pres.—Chas. Hooper, Chauncy Connor  
Secretary—Fraser Gee  
Treasurer—Frank Dimma  
Auditors—Robt. Holden, C. Connor  
Other executives—L. L. Peterson, Henry Burnett, Ross Chapman, Ross Winterstein, Lorie Clubine, D. McAllister, N. Porter, P. Delf, W. Wellman, J. E. Empringham, W. J. Spears, J. P. Carr, F. Giggell, Bert Weatherill, Jack McLean, R. Coulson, Geo. Myland, Alvin Wideman, H. Coakwell, H. Thomas, V. Hallman, W. Tran, Walter Reesor, W. L. Clark.

## Markham Exceeded \$26,000 Road Appropriation

When the road accounts for Markham Township were all paid at the farewell meeting on Monday last, it was indicated by Reeve Rennie that the municipality had over-extended its appropriation by a small amount. The total expenditure on roads this year exceeded \$26,000 on which the government pay a subsidy of 50 per cent. Last year the government subsidy was \$23,000, but the Dept. insisted that this be reduced in 1940.

Little other business was before the meeting other than passing accounts. The council adjourned to attend their annual dinner at the Findlay House. During the course of his remarks Reeve Rennie intimated that he felt his municipal career was shortening, in that he had spent many years in public life and it wouldn't be long now before he passed from the scene of public office to make way for other and younger men.

While the members did not openly declare their municipal aspirations for the coming year, they all admit that every man stands for reelection to his present post for 1941. This council has been intact for four years now, during which time they have received three acclamations.

The Garret Evening Auxiliary met at Mrs. Milton Storey's Wednesday last to install their new officers.

## "This Day a Great Man Has Fallen"

Says Preacher on Death of Isaac Pike who was Buried with all the Honors of True Friendship—Taught School for 45 Years, Local Preacher for Over Half a Century

Seldom has the four corners at Bethesda in the heart of Whitchurch township seen more people at one time than on Friday afternoon, when friends from far and near came to pay their last respects to the old school master, Isaac Pike, whose death occurred on Tuesday in his 68th year. First there was a service at the old home just north of the Bethesda corner, and here Rev. M. Bricker, presiding elder, conducted a service for the family and immediate relatives. The body was later conveyed to the little church near the home where Mr. Pike had labored, and taught the Sunday School for 50 years, as well as being a local preacher. This public service was presided over by Rev. I. Brubacher, M.B.C. pastor, there. Folks filled the building an hour before the arrival of the funeral cortege, and scores just waited in their cars. The sermon was taken by Rev. Samuel Goudie, who chose that most appropriate text from the book of Samuel, wherein it is written, "This day a great man is fallen in Israel."

Rev. L. E. Atkinson, who went to public school to Mr. Pike, read the lesson. Numerous other ministers were present to silently testify to the exemplary life led by this outstanding man whose christian principles and influence had permeated the whole district in which he lived.

The funeral cortege reformed after the service and proceeded to Dickson Hill cemetery where the casket was silently borne to its final resting place by Charles and Clarence Atkinson, Clare, Bolender, Samuel, Doner, William Paisley, and Wesley Steckley.

Born on the 9th Concession of Markham, Isaac Pike commenced teaching school at a comparatively early age for those days. He put in a year or two in Markham schools then took over the Bethesda "academy" when benches were the order of the day without backs, and everybody used their own spital to clean slates. Occasionally a very dignified family sent the child to school with a bottle of water to be used for cleaning purposes, but such fastidious practises were frowned on by other pupils. Mr. Pike often recalled that many of his pupils were his own age, and

the boys, half of them, were in long pants.

The early days were not too promising for there were "bullies" and family backing for wrong doing that promised no end of trouble. Still, "The Master" as he became known, was no quitter, and he lived to subdue such influences and to teach the grandchildren of his first pupils. He not only taught them the three R's, but he instilled in many of them a determination to travel the straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life. For 45 years Mr. Pike carried on this work, always on small salary which were notorious over those years. He used to often tell of taking his first few years in the school at around \$150 per year.

Deeply religious and a man of firm conviction, Mr. Pike was a local preacher and travelled through many a stormy night and heavy road to expound the truth at some group meeting. This he continued to do until just a few years ago, and had preached from every M.B.C. pulpit in the district, as well as in other churches on occasion.

It is only 22 years since Mr. Pike retired and scores of our parents were taught by him. In 1936 and 1937 two outstanding picnics were held at Ratcliff's west of town in honor of Mr. Pike, when grandfathers and grandmothers gathered to pay their compliments, present the master with a gift and go away feeling proud. On one of these occasions Mr. Pike stood up with all his 35 years and recited without hesitation, "Oft in the Stilly Night," one of his favorites.

Isaac Pike never lived a retired life, for when his professional teaching days ended he was an active hard-working farmer to the end of his days. No wonder it is said of him, "A great man has fallen."

He is survived by his wife and a family of ten children, four of whom followed their father in the teaching profession. They are: Abram, Allet and Howard, of Toronto; Rav. Russell Pike, Singhampton; Edward, of Calgary; Lloyd, of Sutton; Mrs. Cora McKee, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Clifford Burkholder, Miss Lydia and Maurice, all of Bethesda.

## Whitchurch Council in Line for Re-Election

Whether Whitchurch council ever meet again with the same personnel or whether it goes to defeat, opinion is freely expressed that the boys who sat around the sturdy table at Vandorf this past three or four years worked thoroughly in unison and with such efficiency that they have made a worthy record the ratepayers will not soon forget. The whole council intend to stand again for re-election on January 6.

At the final meeting Monday afternoon Reeve C. E. Toole thanked the members for their co-operation, recalling that many difficult problems had been encountered, but that each had discharged his duty without fear or favor and in a creditable manner. Said the Reeve, "It is rare that a council could sit together four consecutive years and show so much unanimity. Having the good will of my colleagues has made my duty much pleasanter. At this meeting I have always declared myself for the coming year. Times may be hard, help scarce, but I have a goal in mind, and am willing to sacrifice. I may be able to achieve it. My success so far has been due to a large extent to the co-operation of all. My deputy-reeve agrees that I should go on, and I appreciate his good will. This township has not had a warden since Mr. Soneca Baker filled that office in 1907, and this office should come north in 1942, and I believe I am fairly well advanced for the position. Of course, there is many a slip between the cup and the lip, warned Mr. Toole. Anyway, if anyone should be defeated in any possible election, I would rather it be myself than the rest of you sitting here, he concluded.

Deputy Reeve Cook recalled his six years in office, and his intention

to remain another term at the will of the ratepayers. He appreciated the fact that no member was pushing him to advancement, for he wanted to stand back and "see our reeve bring the honor to Whitchurch which the township deserved."

Councillor George Leary, Councillor Herman Kidd, and Councillor Herb. Wells, all announced that they propose to run for their present positions on the council.

## Fatal Accident in Markham Twp.

Harold Cottrell, 15, of 125 Brock Avenue, Toronto, was fatally shot Tuesday afternoon when an old rifle in the hands of a chum, Murray Walton, 17, of Markham, was discharged accidentally while the two were playing in a barn on the farm of A. B. Newson on the Third Concession.

With blood streaming from his right shoulder where he was struck, Cottrell was carried to the farmhouse and a call for medical assistance was put in. Before anything could be done for him the injured boy died, five minutes after he had been brought from the barn.

Coroner Dr. S. S. Ball, Stouffville, was notified and up to a late hour had not decided whether an inquest would be ordered. The body was taken to Clendenning's Funeral Home at Markham.

The two lads were examining the barn. It was reported, when Walton casually picked up an old .25-caliber rifle which he found hanging on one of the walls. Unaware that it was

## TONS OF DATES FOR MARKHAM MAN

There is a chap in Markham Township whose name we will not disclose, but, who was overburdened with dates last week, the extent of which constitutes something of a record. Of course we are referring to calendar dates, and it happened this way.

The farmer in question attended one of those auction sales in Toronto where everything left in street cars or trains by the forgetting public, is put up at auction. Attracted probably by their size, the Markham farmer purchased two huge boxes, sturdily put up, and very imposing. They ought to be worth the money, and if there is anything in size, well he was about to have it. Going, going, gone, yelled the auctioneer, and the box came to Markham. On being opened, what do you imagine the big packing outfit was filled with? Nothing more than a few thousand 1939 calendars, and old paper is worth but \$4 per ton.

## Light Session Marks Council Closing

The final meeting of the Village Council on Monday evening proved to be a light session. The council met early to adjourn to the Village Inn where they were guests of Reeve Weldon at dinner.

In conjunction with other councils, the members passed a petition to be sent to Ottawa asking that soldiers be granted free transportation privileges during the Christmas and holiday season, on the ground that soldiers' pay is inadequate to pay railway fare on.

Snow removal for big storm last week, including trucking, shovellers and some work clearing walks cost about \$40.00.

\$1,000 was transferred from the water works to the general account which helps to keep the general tax rate at its present low level.

Around the dinner table consideration was given to the problem of caring for transients. It is not anticipated that there will be many of these free lunchers, but it was felt lodging should be accorded older men at least. No solution was arrived at.

Reeve Weldon, Councillors Holden, Brown, Russell and Silverthorn were all present, but the members did not reveal their intentions concerning their municipal ambitions for 1941.

## Appeal Reported By the C.N.R.

Although up to Tuesday of this week Mr. Storry had received no intimation of any change, it is currently reported that the C.N.R. had appealed the case in which Mr. Storry was awarded \$7,500 in his action against the company. According to our information the company filed notice of appeal last week, and have thirty days in which to file the appeal, which would be heard in the Supreme Court of Ontario early in the new year. The company lawyer is said to have objected to the wording of the jury's verdict in at least one clause of the findings. Mr. R. R. Murphy, Toronto, is conducting the case for Mr. Storry at this time and since the second trial began.

## GOODYEARS BANQUET FRED TIMBERS

Last Thursday evening the Goodyear Rubber & Tire Co., provided the banquet at the Village Inn for the North York Plowing Association, at which time Mr. Fred Timbers American Champion, was presented with a valuable club bag by members of the Goodyear staff who through their spokesman Mr. Carl Kidd told how the American champion had always rode on Goodyear tires during every contest. V. McAllister for the company also eulogized the local plowman. Timbers extended thanks to the Toronto group for coming out, and to the Village Inn for their wonderful catering facilities on behalf of the Goodyear people.

loaded he is said to have aimed at his companion who fell to the ground Cottrell was heard to say, "Take me to the house," and his companion lifted him on to a wheelbarrow and conveyed him there, a distance of about 100 feet.

## Fred Timbers Again Heads Local Plowmen

Fearful that the increased demands on everybody would leave their annual plowing match flatter than the proverbial pancake, the North York Association, found this year's match, one of the best they ever put over. The annual meeting held at the Village Inn in the Mansion House block on Thursday evening learned this much when the annual statement was presented. Treasurer Win Timbers, revealed that around \$800 was paid (put in cash and goods for prizes alone, while \$120.25 additional was paid to the Stouffville Women's Institute for meals. Despite heavy prize list and other expenses a snug bank balance is left to start next year's match.

R. E. Ratcliff, secretary, said that over 60 entries were received, and whereas one or two tractors appeared a few years ago, there were a dozen contestants this year on the farms of Messrs. Ed. Logan and Geo. Peck at Ringwood. These men were given a vote of thanks.

The annual meeting was one of the best attended in years and the enthusiasm shown augers well for another year.

Fred Timbers presided as president and was elected for another term. Others were elected as follows: Vice-Presidents—D. L. Stouffer, and Herb. Wells.

Secretary—R. E. Ratcliff  
Treasurer—Win Timbers

Directors—Elmer Wells, George Anthony, Archie Fleming, Peter Ferguson, Herb. Wells, Lloyd Turner, W. Lundy, N. Steckley, Newton Rae, Jess Cook, John Woods, Ed. Logan, Art. Emmerson, Aylmer Gray, R. Gibbons, L. J. Harper, Harold Botham, Howard St. John, Anthony Hoover, James Rennie, John Timbers.

Honorary Directors—Hon. W. P. Mulock, Morgan Baker, M.L.A., Col. S. C. Snively, A. Jarvis.

Delegates to the annual convention are the present, Secretary and Treasurer.

The annual match will be held on the first Tuesday in November, and the place will be chosen later.

## BIRTHS

Cober—At New Gormley on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cober, a son, Glenn Walter.

Todd—To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Todd, Goodwood, on Dec. 14th, 1940, a son.

Stouffer—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stouffer, Ringwood, a daughter.

## CELEBRATE THEIR 55th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stiver passed their 55th marital milestone, on Monday, Dec. 16. They have been residents of Unionville through out their married life. Mr. Stiver was born within a short distance of the village and carried on his life's work as carpenter and builder in his home district. Mr. and Mrs. Stiver have always been consistent church workers and were Primitive Methodists before Church Union. They have a large circle of friends who join in congratulations and best wishes for many more happy anniversaries.

## Thieving at Lake Brings Jail Term to Mt. Albert Youth

Convicted of breaking into the Davies Grocery at Musselman's Lake last month, John Ambrose Dike of Mount Albert was sent to jail for one year by Magistrate Woodliff at Newmarket on Tuesday morning. Dike was also sentenced on other charges of breaking-in at Lake Simcoe, the term to run concurrent. Dike was arrested on Dec. 2, by Toronto police, on another charge, when investigation located considerable booty. Constable Robert Windsor identified goods stolen from Davies' premises, where entrance had been gained by breaking glass and forcing doors with tools.

## New Storage Plant Now Ready

The new cold storage plant at the Stouffville Creamery is now being tried out, and farmers are invited to contact the firm for space. The cold storage boxes are maintained at zero temperature and some 250 or 300 pounds of meat may be placed in one of these compartments of which there are several hundred.

The venture on the part of the creamery company gives to the district a service that has proved very popular in other sections of the province, and as the rental charges are very moderate, it is believed there will be a good demand for space. The company's display notice in this issue gives you further details.

## Here to Help Santa Claus



The Forsyth Marionettes will be in Stouffville with Santa next Monday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.