

Newton Rae Gives Battle in Whitchurch to Fight Earl Toole

When the nominations closed in Whitchurch all the old council was re-elected by acclamation on Monday with Mr. Newton Rae signing up to oppose Reeve Earl Toole. John Crawford, clerk, presided over the public meeting and everybody had a chance who wished to speak.

Reeve Toole spoke chiefly on county matters, says the county would end 1940 with a balanced budget with the tax rate again reduced. The debenture debt of the county was reduced by 90 thousand dollars, and now stands at \$965,277. All county levies were paid by the municipalities early in December, no new debentures have been issued since 1933, the county retaining a strictly pay-as-you-go plan. The high standing of York County, he said, is revealed by the fact that its bonds sell at a premium of \$15. The Township of Whitchurch contributed \$20,000 in county taxes this year. The great part of this is for secondary education, always a serious problem. Since the new arrangements in 1937 each municipality pays for secondary education on the basis of pupil attendance. Whitchurch, he explained, fared well with the Toronto & York Road Commission expenditures in 1940 when the Commission spent in this township some \$145,000 building the 4th concession, thus did Whitchurch receive a great deal more than she paid into the county.

Uppermost issue in county matters at present is the police problem. There will be an extensive report submitted on this at the January session, and Mr. Toole said he had the good fortune to be on the committee of county council dealing with this matter, and which committee must pass on, either rejecting or accepting the offer to be made.

In regard to future policy in the township Mr. Toole declared it must be one of retrenchment. Little did we think a year ago or more that the heel of Nazi Germany would fall on us as it had. Wages in urban centres are up, yet some produce is down. Bacon cannot be produced and sold profitably at present prices, feed is up 15 per cent. If returned, Mr. Toole promised to consider the taxpayers' plight from first day elected. We have gone the limit in purchasing modern machinery. We do need more and more gravel. "I have been placed in awkward positions on many occasions, have made mistakes, but who hasn't," concluded the Reeve.

Newton Rae, nominated for Reeve, declared the tax roll is more than is shown on the statement. "When I was Reeve we were criticized for spending under \$800 for dust layer, but this council spent \$2,132.73. In 1936 we spent for roads in all \$16,537.81, in 1940 they spent \$20,000. We came into office with a huge overdraft," said Mr. Rae.

Back in 1936 I asked The Tribune to give me a fair unbiased report of the meeting, but they failed to do it," said Mr. Rae glancing at the reporter.

"We were condemned for paying \$50 for indigent funerals, but I see they are paying \$50 now right along. I find too that the assessment needs checking up. One councillor received a reduction of \$1500, and another \$800. It seems the township is hiding the natural increase by dividing it up among them. I gave you good service. I have been nominated again, and I will run. I thank you for past favors," he concluded Deputy Reeve Cook who received an acclamation after four years on the council, pointed to increased expenditures for snow fencing, sheep claims, purchase of land on the 4th, but said that notwithstanding all this taxes had been held in bound.

Former Deputy Reeve Wesley Williams asked Mr. Cook to explain the cost of sideroad approach to the 5th concession from Cook's sideroad. The figures totalling \$490.30 were produced showing the county paid half to get a good exit onto the 8th.

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IN AID OF BRITAIN

The sum of \$34.00 for the Telegram British War Victim Fund was realized in a collection taken at the nomination meeting of Pickering Township held at Brougham on Monday. The proposal to lift the collection was made by Dr. N. E. McEwen at the close of his remarks during the meeting.

BEGINS FIFTH TERM



A. E. Weldon, Reeve of Stouffville for a fifth term, has been on the council for 11 years.

Married Christmas Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers, marked the diamond anniversary of their wedding at their home on Station street, Unionville, on Christmas Day. They were born in Yorkshire, England, and came to this country accompanied by their two eldest children, in 1886, locating in Markham township at Almira. In 1889 they moved to Unionville, where they have since resided.

Mr. Myers learned the trade of ditching and scientific drainage in his youth in England and carried on his trade in this country for many years until he retired from strenuous work, after which he acted as mail courier to and from the C.N.R. train to the local post office until three months ago.

Robert Myers and Maria Warkup Myers are 81 and 78 years old, respectively. They are active and capable and are members of St. Phillip's Anglican Church. Mrs. Myers belongs to the Gleamers, which is the name of the women's society doing important work for the welfare of the church.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Hannah Williamson, Markham, and four sons, George, Stranraer, Sask; Thomas, Unionville, Ont.; John Markham, and Benjamin, Toronto. There are seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

RETURNED AS DEPUTY



Jess Cook re-elected deputy Reeve of Whitchurch, looked forward to a contest which didn't materialize. There were a crop of rumors that the deputy-reeve would meet opposition.

ARRIVED IN ENGLAND

Two Ballantrae boys reached England on Christmas Day. Hugh Bingham, Jr., and Ronald Cutler, according to word received by their parents in Whitchurch. Both lads are attached to artillery units, and are reported in excellent health and spirits.

STRATFORD WEDDING OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. S. Goudie were invited to Stratford last Friday where Rev. Mr. Goudie officiated at the marriage ceremony that evening of Miss Ola M. Fusee, returned missionary from India, to Rev. Frank Foster of Luther, Mich. The ceremony was performed in the evening at the home of the bride who is so well known in Stouffville locality where she had participated in church work.

Whitchurch Hockey League Unlikely to Function

All reliable reports to this paper indicate that there will be no Whitchurch hockey league organized this year.

Various reasons are advanced for the failure to form the league again, chief among them being the shortage of players caused by the compulsory military training. Lemonville, Vandorf and White Rose all report that there would be such a fluctuation in their ranks from month to month that they would be unable to carry on a team. The distance of coming here to play is also stated to be a drawback to continuing.

Ballantrae, another former league member has already stated their intention to join up with the Uxbridge organization.

A mix-up over last year's play-offs left King City dissatisfied and as was expected nothing has been heard from the Yonge St. team.

PEACHS BUSH SOLD

Mrs. Fred Hisey has disposed of the fine stand of timber on the old Peach farm on the 7th concession of Markham at lot 26, consisting of five acres of grand old timber. The Peaches' United church stands on land which forms part of this farm.

Mr. Ratcliff intends to offer for sale the wood from this bush which is all beach and maple and contains some excellent wood. Only the very large trees will be taken out for logs. The auction sale is advertised in this issue for which the bush will be broken into small lots for the buying public.

THE UXBRIDGE CONTEST

Uxbridge Township nomination provided a few thrills during the highlight of debate, but Reeve R. E. Ashenurst was returned as Reeve and Edgar Johnson as deputy Reeve. There will be a run for council between the three sitting members and one new face, that of Stewart Ball, Quaker Hill section. The old councillors are John M. Rae, Walter Beach, Fred Middleton. Council have granted a poll on the two year term.

BUYS TOWN BUNGALO

We understand that Mr. William Rennie, 10th concession, Markham, has purchased the small bungalow on Baker Avenue built a year or two ago by Mr. Ken. Betz. This property is immediately south of the Merronite parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Rennie may retire from their farm next spring, and of course will be very welcome residents here.

A FINE RECORD

At the nomination meeting of Pickering Township at Brougham on Monday congratulations were tendered Clerk Donald Beaton from all sides on his occupying the chairman's chair for the 58th consecutive year. Mr. Beaton has served Pickering faithfully for over half a century and his valuable counsel on municipal matters is constantly sought by each successive council.

Whitchurch Stirred by Possibility of a Big Oil Discovery

There is a mild flutter of excitement in the neighborhood of Vandorf where the farmers are being asked for permission to allow a private concern to drill for oil on their farms.

When The Tribune heard of the matter, we at once contacted Mr. C. P. Tidy, who was then in the township, and he admitted that he had been delegated to secure contracts with the farmers on the matter.

The area spotted for special attention lies along the second concession about three and three-quarters miles extending east to Vandorf and north above the Aurora sideroad, taking in about 2,000 acres. This may spread either way.

"It is through ground tests and the general geology of the land that appeals and leads to experts believing there might be oil in the neighborhood," said Mr. Tidy to the reporter. Wells when sunk go to a depth of 900 to 1600 feet with a six inch hole and casing outside that.

When you consider that Canada consumes 40 million dollars in lubrications and oils annually, one will understand the importance of any such find with such a vast market.

Mr. Tidy this week sought to round up the farmers who are hesitant to allow drillers to operate on their farms. However, contracts were shown as that guarantee the farmer against any loss to crop through men operating, a drill, and of course if oil is located the farmer will not worry about crops. He will have other income, such as an eighth of the revenue.

"The whole thing is too good to be true," said Clerk John Crawford who is interested in two farm the company seek to work on. "Of course we are going to look into the matter carefully, and a public meet-



CLERK DOUGHERTY ILL

For the first time since anyone could recall the Stouffville nomination meeting was conducted without the presence of the Village Clerk. Mr. J. S. Dougherty was seized with a serious heart-attack, but since that time has shown considerable improvement. His duties were performed by Mr. George Storey and the meeting send expressions of regret over the clerk's illness.

NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

As we go to press this Thursday afternoon Miss Charlotte Lehman was very low, with no hope of her recovery.

ing of the farmers interested is slated for this week," he said.

Mr. Tidy emphasizes that his company is not selling shares, ask no bonus and are prepared to pay their way through their own resources.

Mr. W. E. Tidy, formerly of Stouffville, is a brother to the oil men's representative

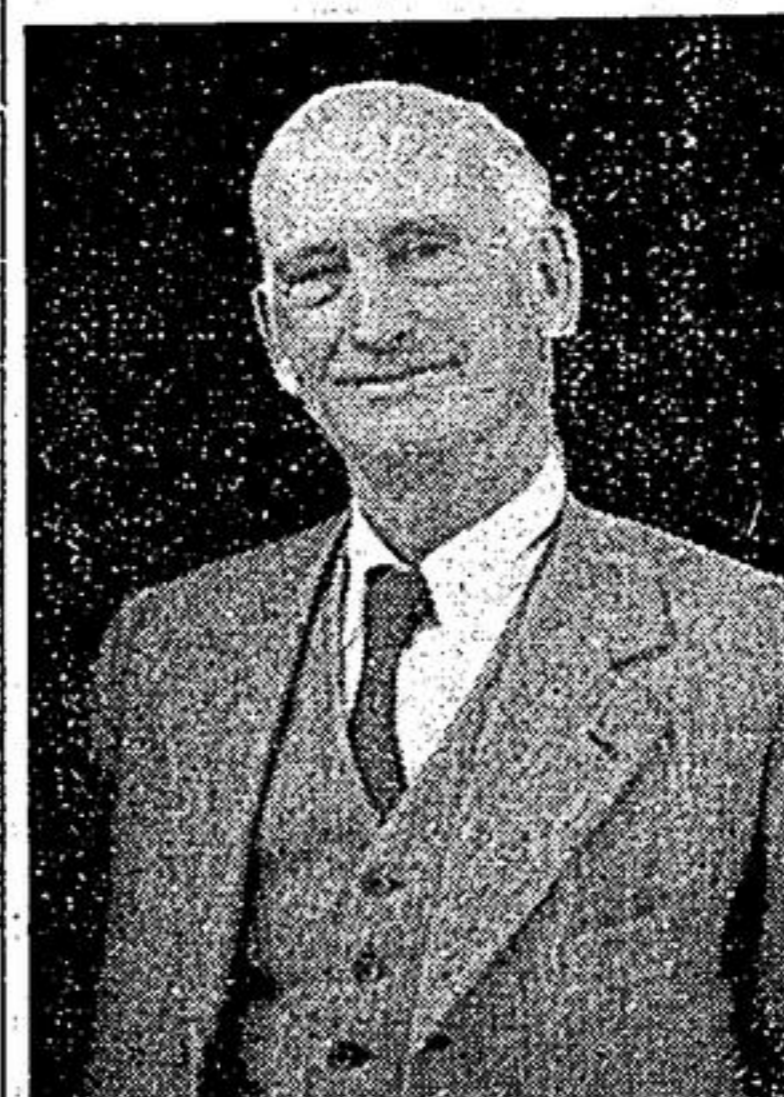
Hugh Boyd and Ira Aldred Embark on Municipal Careers

DUG FRESH POTATOES

Here's one that will make even the old timer wipe his eyes with wonderment. On Monday of this week potatoes were dug on the farm of Mr. Roy Brillinger at Gormley, and some of the murphies were cooked for dinner that day, and were found to be really good.

After sub-zero weather and weeks of extreme cold, to find murphies in good eatable condition in the field is sure a revelation. The Brillingers discarded about twelve acres as not worth digging because of blight this fall.

IN BY ACCLAMATION



William Reesor who was re-elected by acclamation as Reeve of Pickering Township. This will be his eleventh term in municipal office.

PICKERING SLATE

Wm. Reesor, Reeve—acclamation

For Deputy-Reeve
Heber Down
Robert Ruddy
Dr. N. E. McEwen

For Council
Blake Annis
A. C. Diamond
George Todd
Frank Disney
W. H. Westney
(3 to be elected)

Markham Council Returned with No Change in Personnel

Markham Township council received their third consecutive acclamation on Monday without a break and the fifth one for Reeve Rennie. This was a surprise to some who forecast a combat this year, but if anyone thought of opposing the old council there was no evidence of it at the meeting. Reeve Rennie at one stage said he thought it was a good time to have a contest and would have even welcomed one, and that didn't stir anyone to action either. With a steady tax rate pointing downward, the people are evidently satisfied.

Reeve-James Rennie said contests would be better than too many acclamations. He felt the position of Reeve was well worth striving for but he assured the other candidates they would have to fight to get it. He then thanked the electors for the many times they appointed him to office. He was especially thankful for the competent officials on the York County Council. York County has a balanced budget for 1940, for the 8th time.

There had been a reduction of a quarter mill. The county levy is \$340,000, prepaid on due date.

The Reeve spoke of the building by-law which prevents people coming into the township and erecting cheap shacks, depreciating value of property and endangering health.

Charles H. Hooper, Deputy-Reeve. (Continued on page 5)

Stouffville nomination meeting attracted about 50 ratepayers when the old council was returned by acclamation with the exception of the retirement of Delbert Holden whose place was taken by Hugh Boyd who was strongly urged to offer his services. Ormsby Lehman retired after being nominated.

After serving thirteen years on the school board Jacob McMullen failed to qualify again for office, and was replaced by Mr. Ira Aldred of the Goodall Seed Co., who is giving his services for the first time to public office. Rev. C. E. McLeod and Ambrose Stover were given acclamations also.

Reeve Arthur Weldon and Dr. Freel, chairman of school board and members of council all spoke briefly on municipal matters.

Geo. Winn Buried Here To-day

A genial and highly respected citizen, George Winn, a resident of Stouffville for the past 13 years, died at his home here on Monday, December 30, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Winn, who was 81 years of age, was a native of Somerset, England, and came to Canada 60 years ago.

He had followed the trade of a baker in England but took up farming when he came to this country. He spent some years in Pickering and Markham township, then settled in Whitchurch on the 10th Con. where he remained until he retired to Stouffville.

He was a member of the Bloomington Methodist Church and later of Stouffville United. Mr. Winn is survived by four sons, Roland of Markham Township, Fred and Frank of Whitchurch, and Clifford of Toronto; also two daughters, Misses Bertha and Emma at home.

MRS. W. PAISLEY BURIED

Rev. L. E. Atkinson conducted the funeral for the late Mrs. Washington Paisley of Stouffville last Friday afternoon in the United church where many old friends gathered to pay final tribute to one who had been faithful in church work for many years. Mrs. Paisley died on Christmas day, almost two years after her husband passed away. A daughter of the late Wm. Kellington, she was in her 70th year, and had spent much of her married life in Whitchurch, first on the 4th and later on the 6th. Two sisters, three sons and five grandchildren revere the memory of a loved one.

Clifford Case Aurora Lawyer Dead at 43

Clifford Case, K.C., Conservative member from North York riding in the Ontario Legislature from 1919 to 1924, died on Monday, in the York County Hospital at Newmarket. He was 43.

Born on the second concession of



King Township, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Case, he was educated at Aurora schools. He then continued his education at the University of Toronto and upon graduation he entered the Osgoode Hall Law School.