

Over 500 Jam the Arena for the Lions Winter Carnival

Between five and six hundred people patronized the Lions Club carnival in the Stouffville Arena on Thursday night last week, and those who attended were rewarded with a program of real entertainment and recreation. A feature of the evening was the broom ball game between the Lions and Lionesses with the ladies as one might expect, being the victors by one to nothing. The males were Lions Hugh Bannerman, Lion Dan. O'Boyle, Lion Tim O'Neill, Lion Telf Rennie, also Ormsby Lehman and Walt. Brillinger who have not yet reached the Lion stage. The Lionesses were Jack Hodgins, Ralph Haist, Gordon Spence, Mervin Watts, Andy Williams, and Carl Bowdway. The lady lions brushed right in with their curls flying, and rouge running. In their comic make-ups scarcely a player on the ice was recognizable.

The Arena band rendered music for the skaters, who were as thick as flies around a bowl of honey. It was truly a night to be remembered, and after all the fun the Lions have about \$75 with which to carry on their benevolent work among children.

Prize Winners:

Speed race—Douglas Aldred and Lucille Howsam, A. Schell and Betty Williams.

Best Couple—Skating—Mary Davis and Norman Steckley, Eulah Brillinger and Earl Hoover.

Best comic—Mrs. J. K. Webster 1st, Lou Raxlin and Bill Nicholson.

Patriotic costume—Audrey Anderson, Helen Stouffer.

Lucky spot—Aldon Redshaw, Rodd Foote, W. Smith, M. Smith.

Lucky Draw—Ex-Reeve H. W. Sanders.

A. McDOWALL RIDLEY, A.T.C.M., L.C.C.M.



Choirmaster and organist of St. Enoch's United Church, Toronto, was recently appointed leader of the Stouffville Junior Band. Mr. Ridley will preside over the program this Thursday in Ratcliff's Hall.

ICE HARVEST IN FULL SWING AT MUSSELMAN'S

Quality and Thickness Low Compared to Last Year's Bumper Crop

The ice harvest is in full swing at Musselman's Lake this week and some ten thousand cakes will have been cut by the time all the ice-houses are filled in this locality. Last week about 2000 cakes were taken out of the east side of the lake for George Davies at Cedar Beach, while the bulk of the cutting will come this week on the west side, to be trucked to Stouffville by Telf. Rennie for the Maple Leaf Dairy.

"There is certainly not the ice there was last year," Mr. Rose told The Tribune. Carl Rose and his gang of men do all the cutting on Musselman's with power-driven equipment.

Ice is also being cut at Almira pond where a few thousand cakes are trucked out by Hoover and Roberts of Unionville.

Leads Lions Back to the Forest

Fourteen counties throughout Ontario have launched into the county reforestation scheme, reeve James Rennie told the Lions Club at Stouffville on Monday evening at their bi-weekly dinner meeting. Mr. Rennie said that the name of Daniel was running through his head for never in his life had he before been in a den of Lions. Now he was actually feeding with them, and he was really liking it.

Mr. Rennie had been invited to give a short talk on reforestation work in which he is so vitally interested, and the head of a provincial organization for the promotion of this work. Of the 14 counties with forests established, Simcoe county stands at the top, and York county is third in importance. Simcoe, he told the Lions, has some 5,500 acres with over 25 million trees growing.

Aside from reclaiming waste land preventing sand from blowing over great areas, reforestation is stalling a water shortage that might otherwise exist. He pointed out that the village of Beeton was running short of water 15 years ago, springs were drying up and the town system, similar to Stouffville's system, was

SKATING PARTY IN AID OF "COMFORTS"

A coming event is the Skating Party under the auspices of the Stouffville War-Veterans on Wednesday, February 19, in the Arena.

This skating party is in aid of the soldiers' comfort fund. In addition to this worthy cause, providing extras for boys from here going overseas, there will be lots of music and some spot skating. Get in on this helpful scheme. Admission 25c.

FRACTURED SHOULDER

Mrs. Jake Hoover is nursing a fractured shoulder as a result of a fall on the slippery steps at the front of the Hoover home. The accident happened on Monday of last week, and Mrs. Hoover is improving considerably since the heavy shock is over.

SCHOOL HOCKEY FINAL

Considerable interest is being shown in the final hockey game of the school league in the play-off when Markham will meet Stouffville in the local arena here this Friday evening.

Miss J. Vanzant Passed at Banff

The many friends and relatives of Miss Jessie Vanzant, a resident of Western Canada at Banff, Alberta, for 14 years will learn with general regret of her death which occurred at the Banff Hospital on Saturday evening, February 1st. Many years before going to Toronto Jessie Vanzant was employed in Stouffville at the bakery of the late W. B. Wurts, probably 30 years ago or more.

Miss Vanzant was a daughter of the late Vanzant who lived in the east end of Stouffville for many years. The family have many friends here and still many more friends, who will be keenly interested in this news.

The Banff press has this to say regarding her death: "A resident of Banff for 14 years, Miss Jessie Jane Vanzant, 61, died at the Banff hospital Saturday following a brief illness. She was born at Stouffville, Ontario. She was a member of the Spray Valley chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge No. 54.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. J. Weinholdt and Miss Laura Vanzant at Blind River, Ont.; Miss Nora and Miss Lilly Vanzant, both of Toronto; three brothers, Charles of Banff; Fred in Edmonton, and Frank at Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Services were conducted at the Banff United church, on Thursday at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. T. H. Lonsdale officiating. Interment will be in the Banff cemetery. The Banff funeral service is in charge of arrangements supervised by Jacques funeral home."

threatened. They went at it and reforested the 100 acres around the reservoirs, and the springs came back with new life and are supply-ample water today. The speaker also advocated farm wood lots, wherein it is claimed that five acres will provide a farmer with all his fuel without diminishing the wood lot.

The speaker was introduced by his son Telf. Rennie.

Building Bylaw Given Consideration by the Twp. of Whitchurch

The Income Tax Department at Toronto will not reap much benefit from the two per cent income tax from the coffers of Whitchurch, it was indicated on Saturday, when it was revealed that only \$2.51 had been collected from men employed by the municipality in January. Single men must earn over \$600 and married men over \$1200 before they are liable for the tax.

Saturday's meeting saw few visitors owing to the condition of the weather when one of the worst storms of the winter raged all day. Auditor Roy Andrew presented his report for 1940, which council scrutinized and accepted. Copies will shortly be available for the rate-payers. The auditor was paid \$125 for his services.

The bylaw providing for the annual road appropriation was passed at \$20,508 the same amount as that spent on roads in 1940. A copy of this bylaw is forwarded to the Department of highways in Toronto, on which they will pay 50 per cent. On motion of Councillor Wells and Kidd, Miss M. Wallace, Hamilton, was ordered to be paid \$28 for board, four weeks, for J. C. Barkey in Hamilton, a resident of this township who had been in the San-



Pte. Harold Lewis of Stouffville who is now serving with the Ordinance Corps in the Canadian Army.

Photo Courtesy W.R. Sanders
Payment was ordered on motion of Deputy Reeve Jess Cook and Councillor Leary of all poll clerks, deputy returning officers and polling booths for the recent municipal election.
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Rights for Oil-Drilling Sought in Whitchurch

Spokesman Foresees Good Chance Striking Gas—Farmers Still Hesitant About Signing up to Permit Further Exploration Work

Whitchurch Council on Saturday heard more about the desire of a private concern to drill for oil on the west side of the township, when a Toronto man who seemed familiar with every oil well in Canada and the U.S.A., declared that the farmers had everything to gain and nothing to lose in permitting drillers to enter their properties. Farmers will be asked to sign a ten-year lease embodying permission to drill, with the farmer fully protected for any damage whatsoever to his crop or property. The speaker said there was little likelihood of any damage, as a test hole could be put down in a farm lane, and it had not been the experience to cause damage. The lease would be void after two years if no work is done on the property.

In the event of a "strike" the farmer would share to the extent of one-eighth of the profits, which might run as high as \$20 per day in a first-class well.

The area blocked out for special consideration embodies some 4,000 acres, a solid block, along the second and third concessions, be-

tween lots 3 and 4 to lots 16 and 25. The area extends over near the fourth. Two domes were said to exist in this locality.

There is big possibility of encountering gas which would be invaluable even for piping to Toronto.

Similar areas were mentioned in Scott and Brock townships, but none exists in Uxbridge township where the hills are very sharp.

Whitchurch farmers are still hesitant about signing up to permit further exploration work, but it was said that there was every possibility that an agreement would shortly be reached.

The speaker represented a different body of men than visited the section about the middle of December, so that there appears some competition to secure the area.

A special gasoline is being sought, and the Department in Toronto, it was learned, had had this section of Whitchurch staked as a possible source of oil supply.

The speaker said he had nothing to sell, and did not seek publicity, hence names are not disclosed.

Two Markham Farms Sold, Total 300 Acres

Robert Johnson and Egbert Avison Farms Both Sold to Toronto Contractors—Buyers Favor Old-Fashioned Fully Cultivated Farms, Since Outbreak of War

Two first-class farms in Markham township changed hand during the past week. The one property is known as the old Robert Johnson farm, and this was sold to W. A. Mackey, prominent Toronto contractor, the vendor being Reid Brumwell. This area of 100 acres is well located fronting on a paved road, the fourth concession east of Yonge St. in Markham township. The land is all under cultivation, slopes gradually down to the pavement and is well adapted to tractor farming.

Buildings include a large brick house of 10 rooms with furnace installed, also a hip roof bank barn, 70 feet by 36 feet, a hog pen and a garage. The original barn on this farm was burned down in the early harvest season of 1920 and a more commodious structure has replaced it. This farm adjoins the former Warren Wilson farm purchased recently by W. J. Harman, another Toronto contractor.

The second sale was of the Egbert Avison farm at Victoria Square, which was purchased by Reid Brumwell. This farm consists of 200 acres in the third concession of Markham township fronting on the new highway.

The area is all workable and there are three acres of orchard. A creek traverses the farm and water is pumped to the buildings by a hydraulic ram. Egbert Avison purchased this farm in 1926 from Henry Arnold.

In 1931 the house was burned down and since then a solid brick residence of 10 rooms with all modern conveniences has been built. Other buildings on the farm consist of a good bank barn, 80 feet by 50 feet, with stabling for 30 head of cattle and eight horses, also a large driving house, hog pen, hen house, silo and garage. The asking price for this farm was \$25,000. Location of the farm is a half-mile south of Victoria Square and four miles east of Richmond Hill. It is just one concession east of Watford's Silver Stream Farm, and in the vicinity of farms owned by George I. Hambly and Col. Deacon.

Prior to the war, it seemed that Toronto buyers were largely interested in farms with considerable rough land, streams and bush, to be used principally for country estate purposes, but now there is a swing back to the old-fashioned farm where practically every acre is under cultivation and producing.

DICKSON'S HILL BOY QUALIFIES AS LANCE CORPORAL AT NEWMARKET CAMP.



QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS company at Newmarket has 10 who qualified as lance-corporals. Left to Right: Front Row—A. Earl Hoover, J. Munro, C. S. M. Johnston, C. W. Armstrong, R. Wiggitt; Back Row—W. S. Russell, C. W. Narraway, W. Hurst, K. Crowhurst, F. Holt.

Whitchurch Farmer Fined for Cruelty

Harry C. Clegg of Whitchurch Township appeared on a charge of ill-treating animals in Newmarket police court on Tuesday and was fined \$5.00 and warned what to do in the future.

"On Thursday, January 30, accompanied by Constable Williamson, I went to the farm of accused, lot 22, con. 5, Whitchurch," testified Inspector William Weatherston. "We went to the barn and entered the horse stable first and saw seven thin horses. We came to a wet dirty cow stable, some cows loose with about thirty-two pigs. These pigs were in very poor condition, nothing but skin and bones. They were digging into the filth and dirt in this enclosure. These were the worst-looking pigs I have ever seen in my experience. I had a conversation with accused and he showed me a bag of chop in the cupboard. He said he had been feeding them chop, and their condition was due to worms. It was a quarter to seven, and the pigs hadn't been fed that morning. He said he belonged to the R.S.V.C. in England and he was going to belong to the Humane Society here. I said I would be back the next day, and when I returned next morning, the stables had been cleaned, bedding was down and the pigs were fed, their stomachs showing."

"Clegg was quite co-operative about you going in?" asked Leigh Armstrong, defence counsel. "He took his own time about coming," replied witness. "He gave us permission to go in." "How did you know the pigs hadn't been fed in the morning?" "By his own admission." "It is not the usual practice to put down fresh straw every day?" "No."

"Was there anything else the matter with these pigs?" "They were lousy." "The sows were very poor and certainly needed bedding," testified Constable John Williamson. "They were just laying in manure. The little pigs weren't as bad as the old sows. The next day they were all bedded up, looked comfortable and had been fed. They were in horrible condition the day before."

"On January 31 I examined 32 hogs, one bore, three sows, and 27 young pigs," testified Dr. Leason, a veterinary employed by the Toronto Humane Society. "The pigs had been fed that day. Their abdomens were enlarged. Once fed in a day, they will swell up. They were lousy and extremely thin. The accused stated that the reason the pigs weren't fed the day before was because the water line had broken. "This time of year you often find pigs in poor condition due to the feed lacking in vitamins," stated Dr. Lockhart, veterinary surgeon. "I am employed by Captain Porritt who is in England," said accused. "I have worked on that farm for seven years. It was ten or fifteen below zero that day and the pump was frozen. I usually mix a porridge for the pigs, and I couldn't this morning. I just gave them three pails of wheat. I had an adequate supply of feed and minerals, wheat and chop. My pigs had lots of bedding, too. I didn't have a stiff pig." "The food does not come out of your own pocket?" asked Crown Attorney Mathews. "No," replied accused. "All you do is look after them?" "Yes, and I am a professional. I didn't have a sick pig." Nowell Porritt, brother of accused's employer, testified that the was not familiar with farm work but noticed everything was alright when he visited the farm in December and again in January. "Do you think your brother would be satisfied with the condition of these pigs?" asked Crown Attorney Mathews. "I don't believe he would be," replied Porritt.