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Reeve Toole Carries Every Polling Division in Whitchurch Election

Reeve Earl Toole was swept back into office on Monday in Whitchurch with a staggering majority, although only 858 electors polled their votes out of some 2400. While even his opponents conceded that the reeve would be returned, the majority was overwhelming. He carried all the eight polls, his home division of Pine Orchard giving him 195 to 8 against.

The question for the two year term was defeated by nearly two to one votes, and this too was expected. No other contests were scheduled as the deputy reeve and council of last year were returned by acclamation.

The vote by polls:

	For Reeve	Two Year Term	Yes No.	Yes No.
White Rose	6 143	76	69	
Bethesda	6 57	10	54	
Lemonville	39 41	9	68	
Bloomington	18 52	13	56	
Boggettown	6 93	33	65	
Pine Orchard	8 195	76	123	
Cedar Valley	3 116	45	58	
Vivian	16 59	23	62	
	102 756	285	555	

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Williams recently entertained thirty-six of their friends and neighbors at their home R.R. No. 2, Dublin, Ontario, where they and their family have resided for the past nine years, the occasion being the anniversary of their silver wedding. The house decorations were in red, green and silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married on December 29th, at the Mennonite Parsonage in Toronto, by Rev. William Brown, now of Clarksburg, Ontario. The bride-groom of twenty-five years ago wore his wedding suit and the bride her gown of purple silk with silver trimmings.

Miss Myra Neilly of Gilmford, Ontario, now Mrs. Arthur Foster of Collingwood, Ontario, was the bridesmaid, and Mr. Russell Williams, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. A three storey wedding cake with twenty-five tapers centred the face-covered table in the dining room.

JUNIOR BAND NIGHTS

The Stouffville Junior Band will promote their annual Band Night in the arena on Wednesday, January 22nd. There will be regular skating and the local band will supply the music.

On February 6th the band will present a concert in Ratcliff's Hall, for which further announcement will appear in this paper.

TURNER'S HEIFER IS CANADIAN CHAMPION

Lloyd Turner's string of milch cows are all smiles these days, because of a new record set up by one of the daughters in this stable. Coronation Betty Sylvia, senior two-year-old showed the highest milk production in Canada this year, and came second for butter fat for 365 days with 18,365 lbs. milk and 645 lbs. butterfat. Coronation Betty Sylvia also qualified for 305 day division with first place, and strictly on twice-a-day milking. Now this wonderful heifer stand in seventh place for all-time Canadian records for two-year-olds. Her owner may be justly proud.

A short program of recitations and songs featured an enjoyable social evening. Congratulations and gifts were received from friends and relatives in Detroit, Clarence Centre, N.Y., Toronto, Aurora, Newmarket, Clarksburg, Collingwood, Kitchener, Stayner, Gormley, Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Unionville, Milverton, Mitchell, Staffa, Seaforth and Dublin, Ontario, also from Saskatoon, Sask., Canada.

A large number of friends were unable to be present on account of sickness and bad roads. The bride of twenty-five years was a niece of the late Mr. Daniel H. Doner of Gormley, Ontario. Mr. Williams was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Williams of Elgin Mills, Ontario.

Councillor Middleton Defeated in Uxbridge

In Monday's contest for council in Uxbridge Township, Fred Middleton of Goodwood, member of last year's council, was dropped by the electors in favor of Stewart Ball of Quaker Hill, a new man to municipal life. Ball came from behind as a dark horse to head the poll even over Jno. M. Rae, who was conceded the strong man in the quartette running, of which three were to be elected. However, Ball and Rae ran close together, with only 8 votes between them on the total.

The two-year term was defeated by nearly three votes to one. For 166, against 371.

The vote for council was as follows:

Stewart Ball	428
John M. Rae	420
Walter Beach	249
Fred Middleton	295
Ball Beach Middleton Rae	
Glasgow	26 19 33 60
Goodwood	101 81 40 133
Siloam	68 38 37 79
Glen Major	17 8 13 10
Pine Grove	37 13 22 17
Quaker Hill	137 69 64 64
Webbs	42 17 35 52
	428 295 249 420

Holiday visitors at the Thos. Jennings home were, Mrs. (Major) E. Johnson and baby Heather, Mrs. R. Johnson and Mrs. J. Derry of Toronto; Pte. S. Lorne and Maxwell Atkinson of Camp Borden, Pte. Wm. Ward of Newfoundland and Orval Atkinson of Whitby.

ANNUAL MEETING

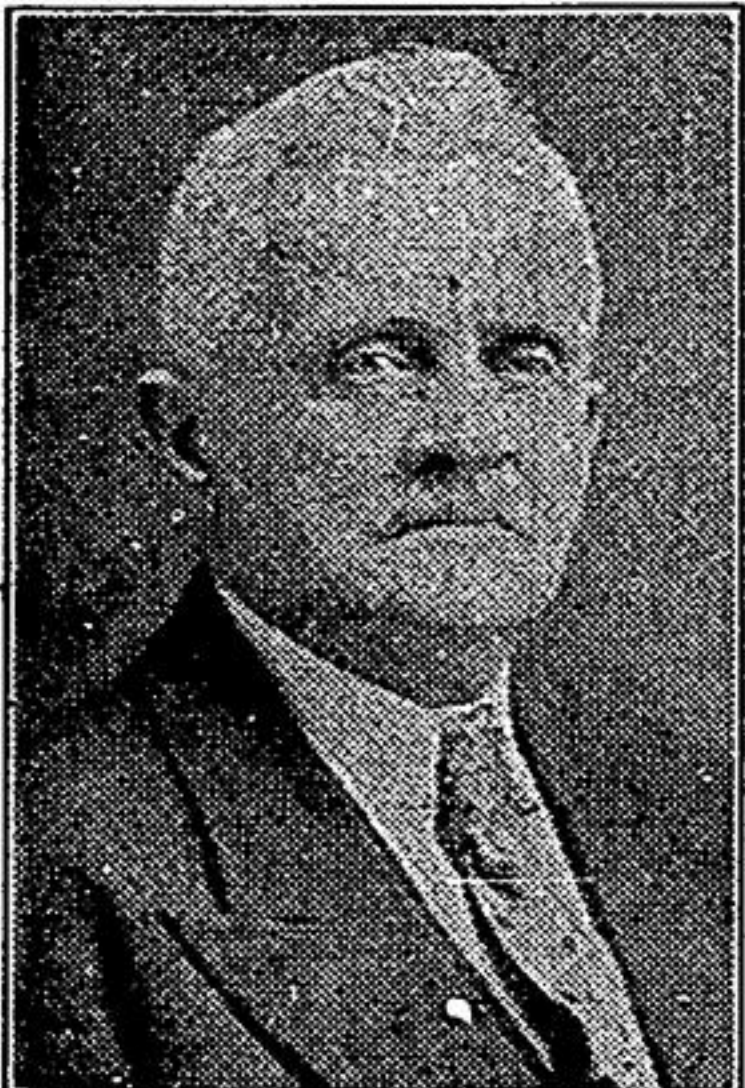
The annual meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday evening, January 22, in the basement of the United Church, commencing with a Pot Luck Supper at 6.30. The prizes for the Flower Show will be distributed. Mr. Percy Bone, Thornhill will speak on "Gardening in War-Time." Everybody welcome. Silver collection.



HERMAN CLENDENING
Who died last week at his home in Toronto, was a native of Markham where he was the village blacksmith. He also farmed on the 9th con. on the Eagleson farm before going into town. Deceased was a brother-in-law of Jos. Mertens, Stouffville.



Reeve C. E. Toole (left) and Ex-reeve Newton Rae (right) opposed each other for the reeveship of Whitchurch on Monday for the second time. Reeve Toole piled up large majorities in both contests.



ENGLISH LETTERS WELCOME

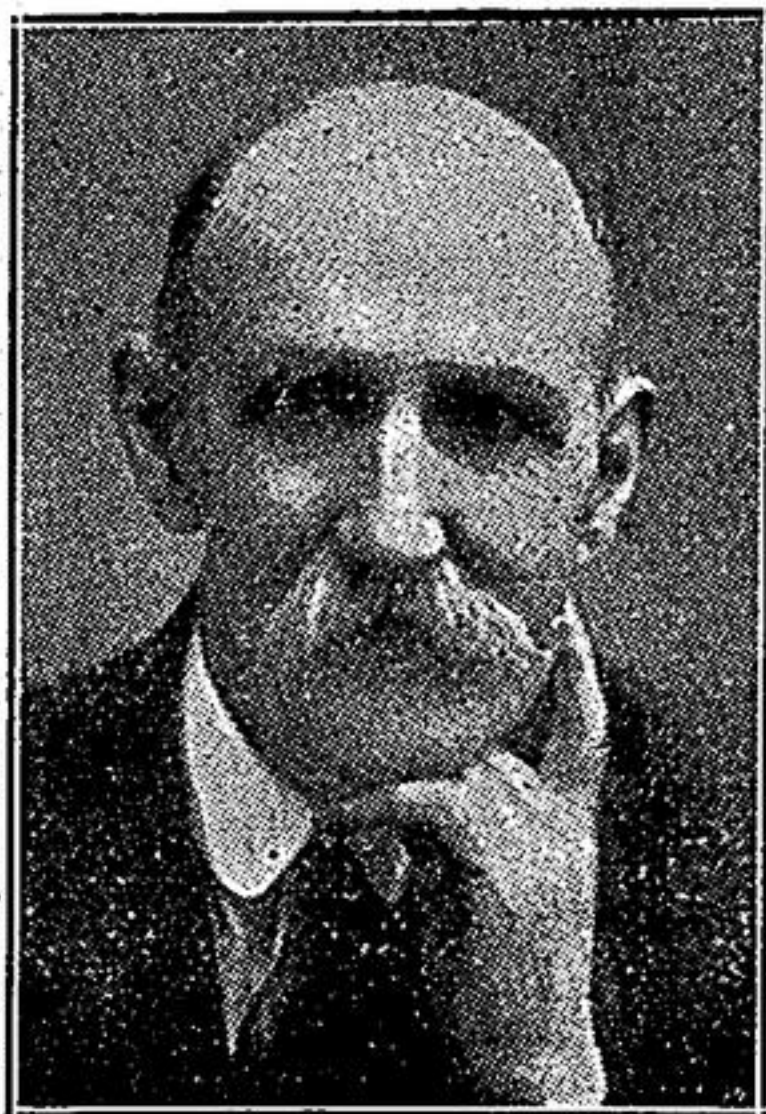
Perhaps our readers have relatives and friends in the Old Country? Perhaps they have stories to tell of the air invasion that Canadians living here in Stouffville and district would like to hear?

If so, The Tribune would be very glad to receive the loan of such letters for publication, it being understood, of course, that nothing will be published of a personal nature or that would later cause any difficulty for the writer. The best of care will be taken of them.

DUMP NO ASHES

Complaints are being registered bidding the dumping of ashes on the streets and boulevards. Somewhere there is a bylaw forbidding the dumping of ashes on public property, and due to these complaints coming in the council will have to deal with the situation when the January meeting is in session. The reeve received several complaints even this week from persons who do not wish to have trouble with their neighbors, but who do not like the streets being littered by ash heaps.

Ratcliff Brothers Mark Half Century of Progress in the Grocery Business Here



It was back in 1890 that James H. Ratcliff came to Stouffville and established what was popularly and widely known as "The Pantry," the name under which his grocery business in the west end block was known. A special issue of the village Free Press published in 1895 describes Mr. Ratcliff as "a Canadian by birth with the inherent Scotch integrity and perseverance joined with the spirit of English enterprise."

Thirteen years later Mr. Ratcliff was joined by his elder brother John H. Ratcliff who came here from an active business career in the Peterboro district. Both boys were born in a Baptist parsonage, their father being Rev. Frederick Ratcliff and his grandfather Rev. John Gerrie. John Ratcliff was born in Markham township at Cashel when their father was Markham's only Baptist minister, and James first saw light of day at Wingham, but when he was eight months old his parents moved to Dundas where they remained for nine years. Their next charge was at Smith, near Peterboro, and the boys walked five miles daily to attend high school.

After leaving the west end, the firm located in their present premises which they bought from Thomas Williamson, and which is now so well known as the Ratcliff block. The firm of Ratcliff & Co., is one of the large town grocery establish-



ments. It has kept thoroughly abreast of changing business conditions, met chain store competition in amazing fashion, and today with all the increased opposition to this line of trade in town, Ratcliff & Co., are still the leaders, with the largest store and stock.

As citizens the Ratcliff brothers are in the front ranks supporting all moves for the betterment of the village, and the support of its less fortunate citizens.

Mr. James Ratcliff is the father of domestic water for Stouffville and had it not been for his persistent and unconquerable spirit this town would never be enjoying domestic water in the village. Not only did he fight desperately against older men of that time and men of influence, but he devised a system for the village, of gravity power that is unbeaten in all of Ontario. Because of this gravity supply, Stouffville water system supplies householders at the lowest rate water is sold anywhere in the province from a domestic system.

John Ratcliff is one of the oldest active members of the Masonic Order in Ontario, and despite his 80 odd years still takes an active interest in the craft.

He was a great traveller, and only last summer flew to Calgary from Toronto, and enjoyed it. He has motored to the far west and has travelled by train, but lived to be 80 before they could fly him out.

Local Court Snubbed by Judge Honeywell, Referred to Markham

SCHOOL JUNK COLLECTION NETTED ABOUT \$25

The teachers and pupils of Stouffville Public School have appreciated greatly the response and kindness of Stouffville people in their "Let's waste nothing" collection. They wish especially to thank Mr. W. E. Morden and Mr. Leslie Wideman, and all the generous people who encouraged the boys and girls with their aid. As a result about \$25 will have been given to the Stouffville Branch of the W. I.

When Judge A. Honeywell arrived from Toronto at 10 o'clock on Monday morning to hold Division Court in the rooms over the fire hall he resented what he regarded as an improperly prepared place in which to hold his court and despite the fact that four witnesses and a lawyer came all the way from Toronto, he refused to conduct court and returned it to Markham for March 3rd.

The court rooms have been used by the band for practices and also as a sewing room for the women engaged in a war effort, and this necessitates bulky boxes, padlocked, left in the rooms which clutter the place and makes it too small for court purposes. Then the furnace was not functioning as it should, and the room was not up to 70 degrees. It was however, estimated to be 65.

It was explained by Mr. F. L. Rutton that the one responsible for having the room in order was seriously ill, and a substitute had to be secured, yet despite the fact that there is a war on, and the rooms are used for purposes for which they are really not adapted, His Worship would not yield, and lost no time in vacating the premises. If the matter is reported to the Attorney General's Dept., the village is likely to receive a sharp reprimand and a warning that it is obligated to maintain the court room in good order.

Non-Resistance Group Contribute Big Sum to War

In their effort to co-operate in the struggle for democracy as we see it, and to show their willingness to do what they can, the non-resistance group of the Mennonite faith have raised in actual cash during the year just closed no less than \$18,397.50, to which may be added a gift of nearly \$2,000 in clothing.

The Non-Resistance Relief Agency has its own representative in London, England, where most of their money was expended in aiding London relief, and then in Paris, France, another agent distributed relief. Thus the money is expended where the givers know it is relieving hardship and suffering. Government and Red Cross agencies are thus relieved to this extent in caring for the unfortunate.

Mrs. Will Todd Passes Suddenly

The death of Mrs. Wm. S. Todd of Goodwood came with startling suddenness at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning this week. She had been about as usual all day, but in the evening developed a chill, and finally a stroke proved fatal a few hours later. The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon to Goodwood cemetery. Rev. Mr. Ormston and Reve. Twiss of Uxbridge will take the service.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Forsyth, Mary Martha was born at Glasgow, in 1886. The family moved to Goodwood 50 years ago when she was a small girl and here she lived until her death. She was married in 1906, her husband now being the road foreman on the county system running through Goodwood. Two sons are Justice and Ralph and four daughters Miss Viola at home, Mrs. Geo. Rodanz, Mrs. Ralph White and Mrs. Walsh. Four brothers surviving are F. A. Forsyth of Goodwood, William,

Two-Year-Term Had Only Eleven Supporters Here

The two year term for councils received a knock-out blow in Stouffville with only eleven people for the measure and 108 voting nay. On the south side of Main street, which constituted one polling division only three persons voted yeas, and on the north side eight were favorable to it. There was no other issue being voted on, the council being returned by acclamation, hence the vote was very light. People seemed to be sure the two-year-term had no chance of success, and neglected to record their votes.

Miss Elva Hughes of Kamloops, B.C., who is attending school in Toronto, spent part of last week visiting her great-aunt Mrs. T. W. Klinck and other relatives.

Albert and Timothy of Toronto. The late Mrs. Hugh Boyd of Stouffville was a sister, and Mr. Nathan Forsyth of Stouffville was her uncle. Mrs. Todd enjoyed many intimate friends and was beloved in the community. She was a member of the Anglican church.

Hepburn Proposes a Further Farmer's Union



John E. Weatherill (above) who died on December 13, was followed to the grave by his wife, who passed away on Tuesday this week in Toronto. She was ill at the time of her husband's death and never was informed of the misfortune. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherill were the parents of Dr. J. E. Weatherill of Stouffville. His mother was born around Unionville her maiden name being Frances Anderson.

While the farmers have so many organizations and only recently formed another one headed by James Rennie of Markham, which purpose is to kind of round up all the farmer groups, Premier Hepburn is rated in Monday's dailies as ready to start another group with the chief purpose of stabilizing prices for the farmer. This latest addition to farm groups would like most of the others be purely non-political and with similar aims to the National Farmers' Union in England.

The present prospect is that Premier Hepburn will summon district representatives of the Ontario Department of Agriculture to a conference at Queen's Park and will later go on the air with a speech that will contain constructive suggestions designed to maintain the production of foodstuffs urgently needed to sustain the British in their war effort.

Premier Hepburn is apprehensive about the situation in Ontario where farmers, resentful over the reduction of prices for hogs, butter, milk and cream and other products, are

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