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2000 TOWNSHIP ELECTORS FAIL TO VOTE

Only Fifth of Voters Use Their Franchise in Whitchurch Election

With only a contest for three seats on the council in Whitchurch Township where Reeve Toole and Deputy Reeve George Leary were returned by acclamation Monday's election was one of the tamest in many years. Not more than 500 voters went to the polls out of a possible 2,500. The two former councillors Edw. Logan and Eugene Baker headed the poll, with Lorne P. Evans in third place. The defeated candidate Herbert Simpson polled within 96 votes of Mr. Logan at the head of the poll indicating the closeness of the contest.

The first six polls reporting gave Simpson a slight majority over Evans, but when the Pleasantville poll arrived, thereafter it was not pleasant for the Ballantrae candidate. Mr. Evans polled 57 and Mr. Simpson 17 in these final polls. At Vivian Simpson topped all other contestants, and Mr. Evans headed the poll at Wilcox Lake over all the candidates. Mr. Evans' previous experience was a strong factor in the contest.

The vote by polls:

| Eugene Baker | |
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| Wilcox Lake | 57 |
| Bethesda | 37 |
| Lemonville | 82 |
| Bloomington | 59 |
| Bogartown | 12 |
| Pleasantville | 48 |
| Cedar Valley | 41 |
| Vivian | 33 |
| 369 | |
| Lorne E. Evans | |
| Wilcox Lake | 109 |
| Bethesda | 24 |
| Lemonville | 47 |
| Bloomington | 13 |
| Bogartown | 15 |
| Pleasantville | 61 |
| Cedar Valley | 38 |
| Vivian | 41 |
| 348 | |
| Edward Logan | |
| Wilcox Lake | 71 |
| Bethesda | 37 |
| Lemonville | 90 |
| Bloomington | 56 |
| Bogartown | 13 |
| Pleasantville | 44 |
| Cedar Valley | 25 |
| Vivian | 51 |
| 387 | |
| Herbert Simpson | |
| Wilcox Lake | 39 |
| Bethesda | 25 |
| Lemonville | 51 |
| Bloomington | 46 |
| Bogartown | 9 |
| Pleasantville | 8 |
| Cedar Valley | 28 |
| Vivian | 85 |
| 291 | |

RETURNS TO COUNCIL



Lorne P. Evans, second concession farmer, returns to Whitchurch council filling a position he held five years ago.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moyer announce the engagement of their daughter Katherine Esther to Mr. Clarence Andrew McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McDowell. Marriage will take place the end of January.

A FORMER STOUFFVILLITE



L.A.C. Fred R. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, of Newmarket is head cook at No. 5, bombing and gunning school, R.C.A.F. Dafoe, Sask. "Curly" Thompson as he is known to local folk, was born and raised in Stouffville.

—Photo courtesy Newmarket Era

Three Generations Take Vows Before the Same Bishop

Bishop Jonas Snider of near Waterloo officiated at the third of a cycle of weddings which, it is believed, gives him a unique record in the annals of "marrying" clergymen. He is the grandfather of Mrs. Walter Byer, 8th Con., Markham, and is known to many of our readers.

On March 19, 1896, four years after Bishop Snider entered the ministry, he officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feick, Doon Road. On New Year's Day 22 years ago he officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Feick's son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Feick, Mannheim Road, and this new year's day he officiated at the wedding of the latter's daughter and her bridegroom, Miss Myrtle Laurine Feick and Mr. Elam B. Horst, of St. Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Horst, of St. Jacobs.

The groom is fairly widely known in Markham as an active worker in Mennonite Young People's activities.

Unique Ceremony

This unique chain of marriages was recalled at the Jan. 1st wedding ceremony, which probably was the most noteworthy of the three in view of the fact that the "grandparents and parents of the bride and bridegroom, all of whom were joined in wedlock by the same clergyman, were all alive, in good health and present, and that the bride's grandparents on her maternal side were also present.

Bishop Snider began his career in the church as pastor of the Waterloo Mennonite Church (then known as the David Eby Church). He was born on the farm a mile North of Waterloo, where he still resides, and he records that he has married 241 couples.

When this venerable clergyman was asked if from his long experience with brides and bridegrooms he had any particular advice for young people on matrimony bound he replied:

"I can only do my part—it's up to them to do theirs."

The New Year ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, proceeded to her place to the strains of wedding music played by her cousin, Miss Marjorie Witmer.

In performing the ceremony under an arch of evergreens erected in the living room of the home, Bishop Snider was assisted by Rev. Roy Koch of St. Jacobs.

Mrs. Albert E. Booth Succumbs to Long Illness

Critically ill for quite a long time, Mrs. Albert E. Booth passed away in the very early hours of Tuesday morning, January 6, at the late home immediately south of the school in Stouffville.

Born at Ingersol, Ontario, her maiden name was Leila I. Brown. Daughter of a Methodist minister, she finally located in Toronto where she was married in September 1906 to Albert E. Booth. To them were born three children, all surviving with the husband, namely, Dr. Isabel Booth, Miss Betty Booth, and Mr. Winston Booth, branch secretary for the Manufacturers Life Assurance Co., in Nova Scotia, with headquarters at Halifax. Winston arrived home just a day or two before his mother passed away. There is one grandson four years old, also two brothers and two sisters surviving. One sister Miss Lily Brownell has been with Mrs. Booth for some weeks.

Mrs. Booth was a member of the United Church, possessed a loveable, quiet, and sympathetic disposition, and her passing in her 60th year comes as a great blow to the family, and friends.

The funeral on Thursday afternoon will be from Miles Funeral Home, Toronto, at 4 o'clock (d.s.t.) interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Brother of Local Lady Collapses on Street in Toronto

Mrs. F. W. Silverthorn received the shocking news of the death of her brother John Teer who died on New Year's Day following a collapse on a downtown street in Toronto. Mrs. Silverthorn also her son John, garageman, later went to Beaverton where the body was taken and where Mr. and Mrs. Teer had been staying while in the East from their home in Sangudo, Alberta. Deceased was 60 years of age.

Dr. Smirlie Lawson ordered an autopsy owing to the circumstances surrounding the death of the unfortunate man. The chief coroner's action followed investigation which disclosed the fact that Teer had about \$160 in his pockets a short time before his collapse, yet when he was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, police found only twelve cents on him. He died in the hospital.

Teer and his wife came east some time ago. They had been staying at Beaverton until the husband went to Toronto to visit friends. He left the home of his friends on New Year's Eve with \$160 in his pocket, according to information gained in the preliminary investigation.

At 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, according to the evidence of three witnesses, Teer collapsed at Queen and Bay streets. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

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Judge Authorizes the Arrest of Three Men for Ignoring Summonses

STATIONED AT ST. THOMAS



Albert Myland, R.C.A.F. son of Mr. and Mrs. George Myland of Ringwood who is an air mechanic stationed at St. Thomas.

Bible School Opens With 18 Students

Emmanuel Bible School, holding its sessions in the Mennonite Church in Stouffville, opened for its third winter of operations on Monday. As in former years, the school is under the direction of Rev. Ward M. Shantz, M.A., of Toronto, who is assisted in the work of instruction by Rev. P. G. Lehman, of Markham, and Rev. J. Harold Sherk, of Stouffville, formerly of Aylmer. Mrs. A. G. Warder, of Kitchener, is again acting as School Mother.

The student body, numbering 18 in the day classes, is made up of young people from various parts of Ontario both east and west, as well as some from the immediate community. During the next three months work will be pursued in Bible, Doctrine, Church History, Bible Geography, Christian Evidences, English, and Sunday School Methods.

The opening of the school was marked by a public meeting on Monday evening at which a nice number were in attendance. Rev. J. Harold Sherk delivered a fitting address pointing out the hopeful message that the Bible offers in just such times as these.

Big Milk Producer on Turner Farm

"Crownation Betty Sylvia," owned by Lloyd Turner of Stouffville stands as the third place Holstein cow in Canada for both milk and fat production in the senior 3-year-old class on 2-time milking with 24,972 lbs. milk and 841 lbs. fat.

Last year this Holstein also made the Honor List in both the 365 and 305 day division as a senior 2-year-old. She was first for milk and third for fat.

A remarkable thing about this big production Mr. Turner tells us is, that Crownation Sylvia had only 35 days rest between completing her 2-year-old record and beginning the 3-year-old competition.

Bred by Jas. B. Nichol of Listowel, Ont., she is the only tested daughter of Rex Snow. Masterpiece whose sire has no tested daughters and whose dam has no record and no tested daughters.

Red Cross Concert, January 13th.

After Three Months Son's Fate Still Uncertain

Ottawa, Washington, and Iceland Officials silent about fate of Billy Castle, whose parents watch every mail for letter that may bear news of their sailor son, whose boat was sunk at Iceland.

What is the fate of Billie Castle, the Stouffville youth who was a mess boy aboard the Bold Venture, converted Norwegian freighter, torpedoed off the coast of Iceland on the fateful day of October 16 last, just three months ago? Many ships were sunk in that convoy bound from the U.S.A., and few were the survivors yet the fate of Billie Castle has never been officially announced by the War Offices at Ottawa or Washington, or by the private boat owners engaged in transporting shipments in the convoy.



Billy Castle was last in town visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Castle during August last year. At that time he was in the Seamen's Union, and had a \$2,000 insurance policy with them. Latest information is that when he left the Union to sign up for private shipping, the insurance ceased, and the Union have no record of him now.

Frantic in her effort to learn the true fate of her son Mrs. Castle telephoned to the War Dept. at Washington, and received a promise that information would be forthcoming. That is over two months ago, yet no word has reached the anxious parents.

Ottawa too was appealed to, but no information could be had there. Hon. W. P. Mulock wrote to the Castles two or three weeks after the sinking, and expressed his fears that Billy Castle was missing. Mrs. Castle

His Honor Judge Lovering does not intend to have persons ignore court orders when judgment summonses are issued, as was evidenced on Monday morning at Division Court sitting in Stouffville. The names of three debtors who were issued were called and not one of the debtors appeared in court to show cause why he did not or could not pay. His Honor promptly issued committal orders against the trio of judgment debtors. This authorizes the officer to make immediate arrests, which we imagine may be averted by prompt payment of the claim standing against them in each instance. Two of the committals were against Stouffville men, and one against a non-resident of the village.

In the first case heard by Judge Lovering Harry Collard of Victoria Square sought judgment against Mrs. McCaul and her daughter Mrs. Baird Toronto, over a car accident. Evidence showed that Mr. Collard was driving his car on the 4th concession of Markham travelling north. His hired man and his son were driving a hog on foot, belonging to Mr. Brumwell, but in the care of Mr. Collard. The men on foot were a short distance ahead of the Collard car when the two Toronto ladies passed them. Mrs. McCaul's daughter was at the wheel and they were travelling north also. They ran into the hog, resulting in such injury to the animal that it had to be killed. Judgment was given plaintiff for \$40 and costs.

Hugh Boyd of Stouffville won a judgment over Randolph Forsyth arising over an accident last summer on the 10th concession of Markham and Forsyth was ordered to pay the plaintiff \$45 plus costs. Mr. Boyd was travelling in his car going east on the sideroad running into Mongolia while Mr. Forsyth travelled north on the main road. Evidence showed that the Boyd car came to a stop at the corner, then pulled forward again when it was struck. Forsyth's car skidded 110 feet the police said.

Reg. Button, solicitor, acted for the plaintiff in both these cases, meeting with as good success in judgments as a veteran lawyer could hope to do.

OUR NEXT WARDEN?



C. Earl Toole, popular reeve of Whitchurch Township, who was given another acclamation for 1942. He is a popular choice for the wardenship of York county this year.

REV. FRANK RAE RETIRED MINISTER DEAD

Rev. Frank Rae, formerly of Unionville, died at Willowdale on Friday in his 88th year. Mr. Rae was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He was the son of Matthew and Harriet Gilmour Rae. He was educated at New College in Edinburgh and was ordained in 1884, and was married to Bessie Alexander Barbour and the couple came to Canada in 1906.

Mr. Rae received a call almost immediately to the Unionville Presbyterian church in conjunction with

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