

Markham Convention Opposes the Alleged Teaching of Evolution

Big Crowds Cram Baptist Church for 73rd Rally of O.R.E.C.—E. J. Stiver, 20 years Secretary, Elected as President.

The 73rd annual convention of the Markham Township Religious Education Council met in the Baptist Church Thursday last week with sessions beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing at 2 p.m. and 7.30 in the evening. Donald Ratcliff, president presided. Capacity audiences were present for all sessions and in the afternoon and again in the evening every available space in the church was filled and a number had to stand throughout the meetings.

At the morning session, business and department reports were received. A resolution re the teaching of religion in the schools of the Province of Ontario was submitted to the convention and carried by a good majority. The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas we, the members of the Sunday School Association of the Township of Markham, here assembled in annual convention, having had our attention called to the fact that the theory of evolution is being definitely taught in the schools of our province, in the public schools as well as in the high schools, and therefore in the schools of our township and that the text books used have been duly approved and authorized by our Provincial Dept. of Education, and whereas such instruction is diametrically opposed to the inspired teaching of the word of God, that man was created by God and not evolved, and that he was created full and complete in every part, 'made in the likeness of God.' Be it resolved that this Sunday School Association of the township of Markham hereby places itself on record as unqualifiedly opposed to such erroneous teaching being imparted to the immature minds of school children or high school students, and that we register our most emphatic protest against such teaching in our schools with the Ontario Dept. of Education. Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education."

In the afternoon two splendid addresses were given by Rev. Dr. G. Little on Temperance and Bishop Schwalm of the Tunker Church. Bishop Schwalm, who came from Ottawa to be present at the convention, spoke on the teachers relation to the class. He stressed the fact that a Sunday School teacher has been given a worth-while task and ought to be a good example to the pupils. "Make them listen" he said "because they don't want to miss what you have to say." "We preach a social gospel," he said, "go out of your way to show them you are interested in their success." Dr. Little gave a challenging address on Temperance. Three women died within a few minutes of each other in Toronto last week from the effects of alcohol. They call us rabid," he said, "but who wouldn't be rabid under such conditions. When we appeal to Ottawa, we meet with studied inaction and from Ontario we are told there is to be no change in the liquor law. I would like to say to the premier: "For the good of the youth of Ontario won't you change your policy." Conscripted he claimed is impossible so long as alcohol is allowed at the door of the camps. We have a right to protect our boys.

Education was given as the first control. Give the positives of Christian religion to the children, win them for Christ and you win them away from drink. The success of the Sunday School will spell the defeat of the bar-room.

At the evening session another inspiring address was given by Rev. J. H. Barnes of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Toronto. Nothing is dearer to my heart than the winning of the children to the Master he said. Very few Sunday School scholars ever get into the courts, of 3000 children in one juvenile court, not one had ever been in a Sunday School.

Of teachers he said, you can't tell others if you don't know the way yourself. Let us, he men and women of decided faith. Let us stand true to the things of God.

An offering of \$66.95 was received at the evening meeting to be used to provide Bibles for the schools of the township. The report of the nominating committee was received and E. J. Stiver for the past twenty years the secretary-treasurer of the coun-



Oscar Downey
Reeve of East Whitchy Township
elected Warden of Ontario County

ON HOSPITALIZATION BOARD

Reeve A. E. Weidon has been appointed to membership on the York County Hospitalization Board by his colleagues in county council now in session. This Board meets at Newmarket and will find an able member in Reeve Weidon.

Local School Drops Opening Hockey Tilt

Stouffville's High School hockey squad succumbed to a 4-1 defeat at the hands of Markham last Wednesday night in the southern arena. The Markham team were sparked by Watson who collected the entire four of his team's goals. Arnold Schell was the lone marksman for the home town team.

Markham were last year's East York champions, taking the cup from Stouffville who had held it for the two previous seasons.

Another scheduled game will be played in the local arena on this Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. against Scarboro. This game has been moved ahead from Friday.

Wheaton Hagerman has sold his 50 acre farm to Jack Graham now on the Boyd place at Locust Hill.

cil was elected president. In accepting the position Mr. Stiver spoke with appreciation of the many others who had held the office before him and mentioned particularly Mr. James Ley of Markham, who is 96 years of age and is the honorary president. The other officers are: 1st Vice Pres.—Lambert Stouffer 2nd Vice—Fraser Gee Sec'y-Treas.—Chas. Ratcliff, assistant, Allan Heise.

Beginners Work—Misses Ruth Clark, Bertha Stouffer.

Girls—Miss M. Warne, Mrs. Paul Boudway.

Boys—Allan Heise, Lambert Stouffer

Young People—Harold Heise, Keith Hutchison

Adult—Hugh Boyd, George Hoover, Home Dept.—Everett Harper, Frank Reesor.

Teacher Training—Rev. P. G. Lehman, Rev. H. Shantz.

Missions—Mrs. Roy Moyer, Mrs. H. Smith.

Temperance—Mr. Herb. Smith, H.R. Forrester, Paul Boudway, Samuel Gough.

ENLISTMENT REVIEW

In this issue of The Tribune the publishers have attempted to give a picture story of the war effort of Stouffville and some of the district herabout. It is not by any means complete, for it is a super task to obtain a suitable picture for publication of every lad that leaves the home district for military service.

Notwithstanding, we have met with a fair measure of success with the kindly co-operation of interested friends and relatives helping us to gather the pictures

Another Toronto Man Buys Farm

By reason of the recent sale of the Nancy Brillinger farm on the fifth concession of Whitchurch, Mr. James Gibson will not be vacating the property. The new owner C. W. Stephens, head of the Dominion Paper Box Co. does not contemplate any change. Some day, we expect he will build a fine residence on the estate back near the trout stream that runs through the property.

This farm of 96 acres is the second north of the Markham townline, and adjoins two properties to the south where already two very fine residences have been erected or are in course of completion on the shores of the old mill pond, power, from which ground the farmers' grist, in the early days, and until Frank Harvey moved the power outfit to Gormley.

C. Still another Toronto man who owns the Barkey machine shop in Stouffville also has farm lands to the north of this farm bought by Stephens, so that an important settlement of Toronto business men are gathering in Whitchurch, and will improve the section to the advantage of the farm tax payer, for they will help carry the tax load, as they gradually erect stately homes running into ten and twenty thousand dollar buildings

Officers Elected for Red Cross

The Stouffville Red Cross annual meeting last week was held in the Municipal Hall with the president F. L. Button, K.C., presiding. The treasurer reported total money raised during the year as \$1,493.66.

Following were the officers elected: President, F. L. Button, K.C.; first vice-president, Mrs. Earl Miller; second vice-president, A. C. Burkholder; secretary, T. B. Rae; treasurer, R. Stouffer; auditors, Gordon Spence, F. Marshall; sewing committee, Mrs. T. B. Rae, Mrs. Roy Grove, Mrs. S. S. Ball, Miss L. Downs, Miss M. Watson, Miss E. Wright, Mrs. E. Miller, Miss E. Harding, Miss V. Hoover, Miss G. Todd, Mrs. A. Sanderson; knitting committee, Mrs. D. Woodburn, Mrs. S. Shankel, Mrs. Ross Winterstein, Mrs. F. Marshall, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Chas. Ratcliff, Misses O. Hutchison, L. Holden, A. Pockler, E. Marshall, E. Foote.

Ratepayers To Banquet Warden

The ratepayers of the Township of Whitchurch will do honor to their Reeve C. E. Toole who has just been elected as warden of the County of York for 1942. The affair will take the form of a banquet to be given during the third week in February, and to which ratepayers of the municipality will have a chance to attend to the extent of the ticket sale.

Members of York County Council will be guests of the evening to aid in honoring the first citizen of the whole county, and altogether a memorable event is being planned.

Here is the committee selected at the inaugural meeting who will plan the banquet, of which we will be able to announce full details next week: L. J. Harper, J. A. Clarke, Fred Cummings, Joshua Stickwood, Geo. Richardson, L. L. Peterson, Elmer Wells, Robert Windsor, R. E. Ratcliff, Fred Timbers, Morris Pike, Frank Curtis, James Hope, Howard McClure, Egerton Clubine, Benj. Langley, Chancy Connor, Herbert Pegg, Eugene Lemon, Lloyd Turner, James Smith, H. Kidd, Edgar Davis, Albert Penrose.

Clerk John Crawford has been made secretary of this executive, which is called to meet again this Friday evening.

we have accumulated. All in all, the undertaking does bring in a forceful manner the splendid effort and showing this locality has made in the matter of man power. Yet with it all, it is not enough. We need more and more men, soldiers for the army, men to till the fields, and workmen to maintain our outflow of mechanized machinery. In this latter connection, about forty men over military age or married right out of the village alone, are employed today at the war plant in Pickering.

WARDEN AND MRS. C. E. TOOLE'S CHILDREN



These three lovely youngsters, Earla, ten years old, Stuart, six, and Elgin, a year and a half, are the children of warden, Earl Toole, and Mrs. Toole, of Pine Orchard.

(Photo courtesy Newmarket Era)

Battling Baptist Cleric and North York M.P. Have Lively Verbal Tilt

Dr. Shields Finds Opposition at his Aurora Meeting, Called to Air Postal Ban on Bible House.

A brief but lively battle of words, at the conclusion of which the audience booed and hissed, occurred at Mechanics' Hall Friday night, with Rev. T. T. Shields, D.D., pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, and president of the Canadian Protestant League, and Morgan Baker, member of the Legislature for North York, as protagonists.

Mr. Baker declared that he was "a Baptist in good standing," and Dr. Shields asked, "In good standing with whom?" The M.P.P. said "I know of no better way to stop up Canada's war effort than to give an address like you, a supposed minister of the gospel—a gospel of love—gave here to-night."

There were boos and cries of "sit down." Someone yelled: "He does not know any better." Mr. Baker, still smiling, sat down.

Dr. Shields charged Mr. Baker with being nothing but "a rubber stamp," while Ald. Leslie H. Saunders, Toronto, chairman of the meeting, said "Mr. Baker is only an apologist for the Roman Catholic Church."

The meeting had been advertised as being held "to protest the Postmaster-General's un-British ban on North Toronto Bible House."

In outlining the objects of the Protestant League, Ald. Saunders declared:

"Canada's first victim of the Canadian gestapo has been the North Toronto Bible House, and I might add that Canada's gestapo is more vicious than anything Hitler ever invented."

Rev. E. J. Taylor, proprietor of the Bible House, outlined how it had been refused postal service. He had been accused of circulating "obscene literature."

"I challenge the Federal representative of this riding (Hon. W.P. Mulock, Postmaster-General) to face me in any court of Ontario and make a case against me," he declared.

"We are at war," declared Dr. Shields, "because we won't let Hitler dominate the world, yet the Roman Catholic Church is a governmental institution which claims to be above all states.

Jehovah's Witnesses were not silenced because of sedition but because they were enemies of the Roman Church."

Conscription was not being made law simply because Quebec did not want it. Roman Catholics did not want conscription because it would send their men overseas and pre-

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Lions to Stage a Big Fancy Dress Carnival Feb. 11

Who is there that would attend a carnival that has forgotten the grand affair put on in Stouffville last year by the Lions Club? Well, here's news, the same organization decided the other night to put another Carnival on on the evening of Wednesday, February 11. It will be a fancy dress affair of unprecedented interest.

The whole program, in fact, will be replete with uproarious fun and amusement, patriotism will abound, for there is a good prize for best patriotic costume, one for comic, one for fancy dress, and probably others to be announced.

Tickets will be on sale the end of this week, and there is a lucky draw in this connection too, which coupled with the fact that Stouffville Lions spend all their surplus funds in welfare work, its up to everybody to give the treasury a lift at this time.

AIR CADET COMMITTEE PREPARE FOR RECRUITS

The Stouffville, Air Cadet Committee expect to call an open meeting of all the boys and their parents, interested in the air cadets, in the near future. The necessary steps have been taken with regard to appointing the Unit's officers, and the committee is now awaiting official recognition from the Air League headquarters. Permission has been granted for the use of the local school for both lectures and P.T. Following the expected public meeting a call will go out for volunteers.

A Former Choir Member Entertains Troops in England

Ernest Rush of Ballantrac Injured Year Ago, Just Getting Around Now—Writes Letter of Appreciation to the Red Cross.

F. L. Button, President Red Cross Dear Sir:

I wish to convey through you my very kind thanks to the members of Stouffville Red Cross Society for the generous contributions or should I say gift which they sent to me. I want you all to know how much I do appreciate it, and the articles were very useful to me.

I hope you had a very nice Christmas, and New Years and that this year will be much brighter in its outlook, which I'm sure it will be. We are not altogether having as easy time as Japan has struck us another blow which we'll rectify in due time.

I have enjoyed England intensely what I've seen up till now; and the people are grand to us. Boys they just can't do enough for us and I've met some mighty fine people too.

As for myself I had a rather nasty time in the year just past, having completely dislocated and fractured my left ankle about a year ago now. After five months there was no union of the broken bones so it was necessary to perform a graft which has proven successful so far. I had my leave last November, 14 days, my first in a year.

I visited Leeds, Harrogate, Knoesborough, Blackpool, Nottingham and parts of Surrey, and had a wonderful time with my brother. I have also visited Brighton, Falgton and Torquay and they are very nice places too. Then I was to Edinburgh, Scotland and that was a great visit, for I saw the Castle and Hollywood Palace and the Firth of Forth Bridge.

I am at present in our Holding Unit, working in the Quartermaster's Stores, and have had a reboard, but I'm waiting on my new category which I expect will be in a Concert Party. I'll be attached there till my ankle strengthens enough to let me go back to my unit in the field.

In a recent Concert Party I was the tenor soloist and it is fine to be doing something in the entertaining line. Things are very quiet just now and I expect the Nazis are too occupied by our air force to let them across here in very great numbers which is okay for the peoples sake. I say thank God for that.

Must close now, wishing you all everything good for the New Year and in the great work you are doing for our comforts. Cheerio.

JOINS R. C. A. F.

Latest Stouffville boy to join the Royal Canadian Air Force is Gordon Hoover. Gordon put in thirty days training at Newmarket Camp last year. He is now a married man, but was called again for the duration a week ago. Gordon will be attached to the ground staff where his mechanical ability will stand him in good stead. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoover.

BREAKS WRIST IN FALL

Mrs. D. L. Stouffer, wife of the Massey Harris implement agent, met with a serious fall a few days ago, suffering a badly fractured right wrist. It was necessary to have the break set in Toronto at the hospital. Mrs. Stouffer, we understand, slipped on some ice.

GLADYS HARPER WEDS ALBERT RIDLEY

A quiet wedding took place on Wednesday last, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Harper, Newmarket, when their daughter Gladys E. M. was united in marriage to Albert A. Ridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ridley, Newmarket. The officiating minister was Rev. D. C. Soules cousin of the bride. Miss Margaret Booth of Stouffville played the wedding music.

The ceremony took place under an arch of evergreen and flowers. The bride who was given away by her father wore a pale blue gown and carried roses, budaela and fern. Miss Irene was her sister's bridesmaid, gowned in dusty pink crepe. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Roy Harper.

After a buffet luncheon the couple left for Peterboro' and other points, the bride going away in an air force blue wool frock with blue coat, black hat and accessories.

MAMMOTH EAGLE SHOT NEAR ALTONA

For some time a pair of Mammoth eagles have been seen in the woods about Altona. H. S. McIntosh got a good view of one bird, while Earl Beare of Claremont also reported sighting a huge eagle in the same neighborhood. Last Sunday morning a farmer of the district shot one of the pair, and it weighed 13 pounds with a wing spread of 7 1/2 feet. The great bird had a leg just above the claws as big around as a man's wrist. It is believed to be a golden eagle, and was shot at 100 yards with a 22 rifle. The bullet struck the heart, and had it struck the wing the heavy quill feathers would probably have repelled the bullet.