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Reservoir Property To be Expanded

Additional Land Purchased To Safeguard Water Supply And Prevent Interference By Surface Drainage

On Friday evening the village council presided over by Reeve A. E. Weldon, authorized the purchase of approximately six acres of land lying immediately north of the town reservoir property on the Ratcliff farm, 8th concession of Whitchurch.

The reeve reported that members of the council had conferred with the owner of the property, Mr. Gordon Ratcliff, and found that he was willing to sell the field in question at the price of \$100 per acre, and they recommended that it be purchased at once to forestall future plowing.

On motion of Councillors Nolan and Boyd, the council authorized the purchase of the land in question, and the appointment of McCullough & Button to draw the necessary agreement of transfer.

For years this field which shows a high elevation over the reservoirs to the north, continually drains itself into the water streams feeding the reservoirs, and from time to time affects the quality of the town water. Especially is such a condition noticeable when the field is plowed and fertilized. The Prov. Dept. of Health has constantly advised the council to procure the land and reforest it, to safeguard our water supply from such a condition.

Next spring the new land acquired will be reforested, and since it will not be plowed again, there will be no further wash from soil. When the young trees to be planted develop they will tend to further conserve our water supply, which will be increased by harnessing the spring creek rising on the property. This work has been delayed due to war conditions.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD



Although 100 years old Cpt. Robert Reesor when visited at his home on the 10th concession of Markham below No. 7 highway last Saturday stood and chatted with friends for a straight hour. He built the house on the farm where he lives and planted all the trees which beautify the grounds. The trees came from Carlisle, England. Despite his century of years, Cpt. Reesor attends his garden.

Capt. Reesor's parents came from Pennsylvania, and his mother lived to be 98. He has three of a family, Mrs. A. H. Birmingham, and Mrs. N. L. Thompson, Toronto, and R. E. Reesor at home.

A member of the Queens York Rangers, Mr. Reesor was visited on his birthday by officers of the unit, one of who is Sergt. Wm. Hearst, son of the late Sir William Hearst.

NEW HOUSE SOLD

Last week Mr. George Baker of Gormley who has built several homes in Stouffville for public sale, disposed of the bungalow he is just completing immediately east of Mr. Morley Barker's O'Brien Avenue home, to a Mrs. Jones from Toronto. The purchaser will be a new-comer to Stouffville.

Mrs. J. A. Heise Sells Main St. Home

The brick residence belonging to Mrs. Jacob Heise on the north side of Main street west was sold at the public auction sale of the household furniture held last Friday afternoon, and conducted by Auctioneer A. S. Farmer. Percy Brillinger bought the stately old home for \$5,000. There seemed plenty of bidders under this price, but they all dropped out of the run as the price hit the top, and as it was up to the reserve bid, Mr. Brillinger was declared the purchaser. The crowd that came for furniture or as onlookers made it look like a fair day along the street, and good prices ruled.

The sale of this well built house for \$5,000 is regarded as a tremendous bargain, but the great size of the house was such a drawback, that the owner decided to sacrifice the property as she had no further use for it.

Mr. Brillinger intends to move into the newly acquired place himself, and rent his present residence. Finally, he may convert the Heise place into a duplex, and transform the brick garage into a house as well. The property comprises four building lots, which provide spacious and lovely surrounding for the large house which is equipped with hot water heating, and blower attachment, and has fine oak trim.

MARKHAM RINK TAKES LOCAL BOWLING TROPHY

A Markham rink, skipped by Max Reesor captured the 'Stouffville Old Boys' Trophy at the bowling tournament on the greens here Monday evening. Another Markham quartette, skipped by Ed. Wurm carried off second prize, while rinks skipped by T. Doyle of Newmarket and W. Sanders of Stouffville, were the third and fourth prize winners. Twelve rinks participated in the competition.

On Friday evening of this week the Stouffville Ladies' Club are sponsoring a mixed doubles tournament with play commencing at 7 o'clock.

WAS 82 ON TUESDAY

You might never guess it to talk to the lady, but Mrs. David Latchford, a resident of this town since she was a young girl, reached her 82nd birthday on Tuesday in fine health for one of her advanced years. Mrs. Latchford made a call at the office of this paper on her birthday, but never mentioned her natal day, and we never thought of it either, so now we are saying "happy birthday to you."

Mrs. Latchford lives alone and is doing her own work about the house, but regrets that she was not able to handle the garden this year. The Latchford home on Main street west is one of the longest established meeting places for friends of the family to be found in the village.

Twelve Children Survive Ringwood Mother, Mrs. Fockler

Forty-four grandchildren survive Mrs. Hugh Fockler who died early Wednesday morning this week at Ringwood, following a stroke which she suffered two weeks ago while attending a church service. Mrs. Fockler was in her 75th year.

Born in Markham Township near Buttonville she went to school there. Her maiden name was Melinda Smith. After her marriage to Hugh Fockler the couple lived at Ringwood and Ballantrae. Mr. Fockler died only last November. Surviving are twelve children namely, Mrs. Wm. Mahaffy, Scarborough; Mrs. Robert McDonald, Stoney Beach; Mrs. Guy Russel, Tuxford; Mrs. George Harmon and Mrs. Cecil Brown, Stouffville; William and George Fockler, Ballantrae; Alfred, Joe and Gordon of Ringwood; Wilmoit of Stoney Creek and Alvin of Stouffville.

The funeral this Friday afternoon will be from the home of her son Joseph at Ringwood, where a short service will be held at 2 o'clock, thence proceeding to Dixon Hill church and cemetery for service and interment.

THIMBLE BERRIES PLENTIFUL IN WHITCHURCH

We have it on the word of William Grove of Dickson Hill, that there is a monster crop of thimble berries this year. Last week he made one of a party of four who picked seven six quart baskets in three and a half hours.

The patch yielding so well for Mr. Grove's family is in the north east part of Whitchurch Township. Thimble berries, are selling around \$1.25 to \$1.50 per six quart basket. In addition to preserving about 50 jars the Grove's have sold six or more baskets.

Tonnage Light in Rubber Drive Here

There will not be more than half a ton of scrap-rubber brought in by the rural mail couriers of Stouffville according to the estimate made early this week. The fact is, this section has been so thoroughly canvassed in the past that the old rubber sought is just not available. In other districts throughout Canada it may be different, so that in the grand total Postmaster Mulock may have done some good by launching the rubber scrap drive.

All that was obtained on one local route was an old tire and a bunch of rubber jar rings. Other routes did a great deal better, but after the appeals of recent months, it is a wonder the mail men found anything at all to bring in.

It shows how thorough the Stouffville public school, the Lions Club, and the organizations in Markham township have covered the immediate district for scrap materials.

Tax Arrears Pour Into Whitchurch

John Crawford, treasurer of the Township of Whitchurch is busy at the seat of customs for the municipality these days. Notices have gone out to all persons in arrears for taxes, informing them of the pending tax sale and if they wish to avoid having their property in the sale, immediate remittance must be made.

There is outstanding, or was some time ago \$36,740.67. Up to last weekend there had been paid against this amount, \$11,986.13. In Saturday's mail alone 35 cheques were received and totalled around \$2,000.

Most delinquent payers owe less than \$50, consequently it will be seen that there is a tremendous book entry required.

The township office is a busy place, and the treasurer is doing a laborious job. The response by delinquent tax payers is largely accounted for by the better times enjoyed by most people in respect to earning money these days.

The tax sale will be held three months after the reeve signs the warrant, but when that happens all the added cost of the sale will be borne by the tax arrears payees.

Farmer is Recovering Since Losing Arm

NEXT SATURDAY'S BRIDE



Miss Margaret McCowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McCowan of Malvern will be one of next Saturday's brides. The groom is Melbourne G. Emmerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Emmerson of Whitchurch. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents.

Eugene Lemon Victim of Terrible Threshing Accident—Shredder Knife Completely Severed Unfortunate Man's Hand

Eugene Lemon, popular young farmer at Bloomington, is doing very well, reports indicate from the Toronto General Hospital, where he was rushed following the terrible accident last Wednesday afternoon, when he lost his hand in the shredder, an attachment to the threshing machine in which knives revolve cutting up the straw just before it is blown to the stack.

Eugene was assisting with the threshing at the farm of his cousin Clifford Lemon, when toward evening he attempted to release a knot of straw that was binding in the shredder, and in some manner a powerful knife came around and completely severed his hand at the wrist, and tore the flesh off the arm to his elbow.

Parts of the hand were blown up on the stack, and parts remained in the Machine. When the accident occurred, the unfortunate man walked from the machine toward Jack Carr, one of his own men at the threshing, and said, "my hand's off." Cliff Lemson and Jack Carr rushed him to Dr. Ball's office in a car, and here he was given aid, and then the two men took him on to the hospital. He never lost consciousness, and withstood the trip in a remarkable way.

Those engaged at the threshing were Herb Burnett, Bert Paisley, and Cliff's two sons Elmer and Dawson, and the two first mentioned, Clifford Lemon and Jack Carr. Everything had been going fine up to this point. It is said there is usually a stick handy for releasing the straw when it becomes knotted, but whether there was a stick or not Eugene apparently attempted to release the knot by hand, and unwittingly put it in too far, and it was all over in the flash of an eye.

Eugene is a son of the late Philip Lemon who operates the farm once owned by his father on the 9th concession of Whitchurch at Bloomington. His terrible accident will prove a great permanent handicap, but perhaps not too great for a resourceful young farmer to overcome in some manner.

It is a remarkable fact that only four years ago this fall Eugene Lemon's neighbor, Edgar Storry lost his right arm in an accident, which most readers recall as happening at the railway crossing in Stouffville. Where in all Canada could you find a parallel case of two neighboring farmers meeting with accidents in which each suffered the loss of a right arm.

NORTH WHITCHURCH FARMER INJURED

Serious injury was narrowly averted last week when Warren Graves, veteran Whitchurch farmer, was dragged some distance when the three-horse hitch ran away with Mr. Graves pinned between the machine and the 3-horse evener. Mr. Graves stepped in behind the horses to make an adjustment when one animal suddenly started, pinning his legs fast, and as the three horses started to run he was in a perilous position. Smashing into a hydro post he miraculously escaped with a badly battered arm that required 15 stitches.

BIRTHS

OLDHAM — Mr. and Mrs. James Oldham (nee Alma Baker) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Joan Marilyn on August 29, 1942, at the York County Hospital, Newmarket.

A Happy Stouffville Nuptial



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crowder are shown in the centre of this picture as one of the August bridal couples. On the left is the bridesmaid Miss Lola Forsyth and on the right is the best man, Mr. Lorne Crowder, brother of the groom. The bride was the former Miss Marjorie Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Russell, Main street east, Stouffville.

—Photo courtesy Newmarket Era-Express

Dangerous Driving at Lake Costs \$50

Samuel Bedard, 18, of Lansdowne, ave., Toronto, was fined \$50 and costs, with an alternative jail sentence of three months, when convicted on a charge of dangerous driving in police court at Newmarket. He also was prohibited from driving a car for one year.

According to Constable Robert Windsor of Whitchurch, Bedard was in charge of an automobile which crashed a tree on the Musselman Lake road on July 8, bringing injury to himself and five other occupants.

"The accident was so serious that a young girl, one of the occupants of the car, is still confined to hospital, suffering serious injuries," declared Constable Windsor. "She was thrown clean of the wreckage and over a wire fence."

MRS. CLEAVER STILL ILL

Although it is several weeks since Mrs. John Cleaver suffered a stroke at her home on Albert street, friends regret that she is not completely recovered and is still partially paralysed. Mrs. Cleaver is not a young woman any more, but those who know her never regarded her as elderly because of her bright and happy manner.

Wins Fourth Place to Retain High Standard in Newspaper Competitions

Better Newspapers Competition Rates Stouffville as Having Fourth Best Paper in Canada in Our Circulation Class of One to Two Thousand

The Tribune retains its high position among the weekly newspapers of Canada, it was proven last week, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association at Saskatoon. Among the papers with a circulation between 1,000 to 2,000 The Tribune was awarded fourth place, the leading paper being the Powell River, B.C. News. They scored 79 points, whereas The Tribune had 74½ points. Such a high rating is certainly gratifying to the publishers, and it will be pleasing to our subscribers to know that the home town paper commands such respect from fellow publishers.

We pass on a good deal of the credit to our worthy rural correspondents for their faithful support. The Tribune scored 9 points out of a possible 10 for district news which was the highest marks obtained among the 36 papers whose points were tabulated. The Cran-

Town May Have Partial Blackout

While it is by no means certain there is a grave possibility that Stouffville in common with all other places served with Niagara power, will be a half black-out this winter, if the suggested order from Ottawa goes through on October 1, to cut off all electric street signs, and reduce the street lighting by half.

Stouffville has around 130 street lamps and if this number is reduced to 65, it will mean that all the side streets will be blacked-out, and perhaps some of the Main street lamps at both ends of the town.

Engineer Maddock was in town last week, but could give no further information on the proposal, other than to say it is all up to the power controller at Ottawa. The demand for hydro power for war industry is going up with leaps and bounds, while every ounce of power is being generated at Niagara that can be obtained there.

Jack Pennock and Grant Orchard received their military calls on Wednesday morning this week, and this about completes the round of the young men of town who have been invited to get their medical test.

brook B. C. Courier, The Dundalk Herald, the Dryden Observer all scored 9 points on this item.

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To stand among the adjudged best four weeklies in all Canada in the class one to two thousand circulation, is probably a greater achievement than that which came to this paper four years ago when it won the Daily Star Clark Trophy for best weekly in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The award was made at Ottawa.