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Electrician 17 Years Threatens to Resign

Never Had a Pay Increase At Any Time He Tells Council Monday

Councillor A. V. Nolan told the municipal council on Monday evening that Town Electrician N. W. Byer was about to hand in his resignation, unless the council saw fit to advance his salary to \$75.00 per month. Mr. Byer is now drawing \$60.00 for this part time job.

In favor of the electrician the councillor stated that Mr. Byer said the electricians in Markham, Uxbridge, and other places were much better paid. He was on call 24 hours the day, and claimed that he had never failed to answer any reasonable demand.

One of the members said he thought Mr. Byers should resign, and offered to make such a resolution.

"I don't think that motion is necessary," said Mr. Nolan. "If this council is unwilling to meet the demand of the electrician, he has intimated that he will not carry on, and will offer his resignation."

Mr. Byer has since placed his resignation in the hands of the committee on Hydro to become effective one week from next Saturday, in the event the council do not take some steps to retain his services. This is unlikely, Nels. Byer has been town electrician for seventeen years. He virtually grew up with the local system and has watched it grow from a service of 250 meters to nearly 500 meters. This was one of the arguments made by Mr. Byer for increased pay. Mr. Byer if he decides, will find more lucrative employment in the war plants where his technical knowledge will be valued.

Markham Sheep Attacked by Dogs

The \$2.00 bounty was ordered paid to three claimants who shot foxes in the Township of Markham when the council was in session at Unionville on Monday with Reeve James Rennie presiding. Those who received the two dollar bounty were Messrs. H. Chambers, F. O'Dell, and L. M. Milroy.

The Yonge street railway which has been showing steady improvement reported for the third quarter the sum of \$1,400 as Markham Township's share of the profits for the period.

William Brodie visited the council chambers and reported on three or four hunters who had disobeyed the "no hunting signs" placed around his property during the pheasant shoot. Council promised to report the matter to the game wardens for their next meeting, with the recommendation that the guilty ones be denied township license in future. In other words they will be placed on the "black list."

Relief for the last month totalled \$97.69, while the road pay roll totalled \$1,233.73. Larger accounts going to make up the total included 3,000 feet of snow fence costing \$225, and Hoover & Roberts 424 yards of gravel, \$572.40.

For selecting jurors the following accounts were passed: James Rennie \$5.90, R. H. Forster \$5.20, W. Craig \$5.40, and Charles Hoover \$5.00.

A bylaw was passed for the sale of a lot opposite the jail farm at Langstaff and acquired by the council through tax sale to Ethel Blackburn for the sum of \$125.

Council assembled at 2 o'clock and adjourned for lunch to hold a short evening session. The following members were present: Deputy Reeve Charles Hooper, Councillors W. L. Clark, Harry Barber and Albert Reesor, with Reeve Rennie

BUS LINE GROWING

This week a fourth bus is being added to the Ajax-Stouffville service by E. Woodward to take care of the steady increased traffic between these two points.

The bus is a recently overhauled one, and as it stood outside a Toronto station the other night it was stolen and found the next day unharmed several miles from Toronto and west of Yonge street.

Local breeders, in common with those in the rest of the province, report that there is a brisk demand for any surplus dairy cattle that they have on hand for export to the United States. A shipment of 32 head of Federally Listed Holsteins has just been made to C.S. Erb & Co., Middleton, P.A. Those contributing animals included Mr. P. C. Cannon, Stouffville.

DOGS ATTACK PRIZE LAMBS FOR COMPETITION

It was disclosed at Markham Council Meeting on Monday that mutton-eating dogs had ravaged the sheep fold of Mr. William Brodie west of Stouffville, causing some flock damage among his prize animals some of which would form apart of the prize car lot of lambs to be used for judging in connection with the Chicago Live Stock Exposition.

The extent of the damage cannot easily be estimated, it was revealed by the township valuator Hugh Boyd, but he was hopeful that the fright through the flock being chased would not have any lasting effects.

ORDINATION SERVICE TODAY

The ordination service for Pastor Norman Rowan will be held in the Second Markham Baptist Church this Thursday, November 5. There will be two sessions, beginning in the afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, and in the evening the service will commence at 7 o'clock.

Fined for Carrying Guns in Whitchurch

Finding them each guilty of having a gun in a locality where game is usually found, contrary to section 41 of the Game and Fisheries Act, Magistrate Woodliffe fined W. Hutchinson, Toronto, \$15 and costs of \$2.25 or ten days and R. Cassidy of Toronto \$10 and costs of \$2.25 or ten days, in Newmarket Police Court last week.

According to Percy Pattenden, 5th concession Whitchurch, game warden, on Sunday, Oct. 11 he had gone to the creek for a pail of water when he noticed two men get out of a car each with a rifle.

"Is this a game preserve?" asked the warden. The witness replied that it was. He went on to say that he saw Mr. Cassidy discharge his gun, once and Mr. Hutchinson twice. He said that the latter had gone into a bush and came out without the gun. When he asked him for it, he first said that he did not have any; but later went back into the bush and got it. When he asked Mr. Hutchinson for the gun, the latter refused to give it to him.

In his defence Mr. Cassidy pleaded that he had taken three potshots at crows and that Mr. Hutchinson had not fired his gun at all. He admitted dropping his gun into the weeds to hide it when he saw the warden.

In his defence Mr. Hutchinson denied having shot his gun and said that he left it in the bush when he heard the game warden talking to Mr. Cassidy "to avoid trouble." He said that he showed his gun to Mr. Pattenden later and pointed out that its barrel was clean. He denied cleaning it while in the bush.

Markham M.O.H. Declines to Resign

Dr. Arthur Hoare of Markham village, when asked by his municipal council to tender his resignation as M.O.H. on Monday evening, told the town fathers there that he would not give up the office until the end of 1942, "when we will all go out together."

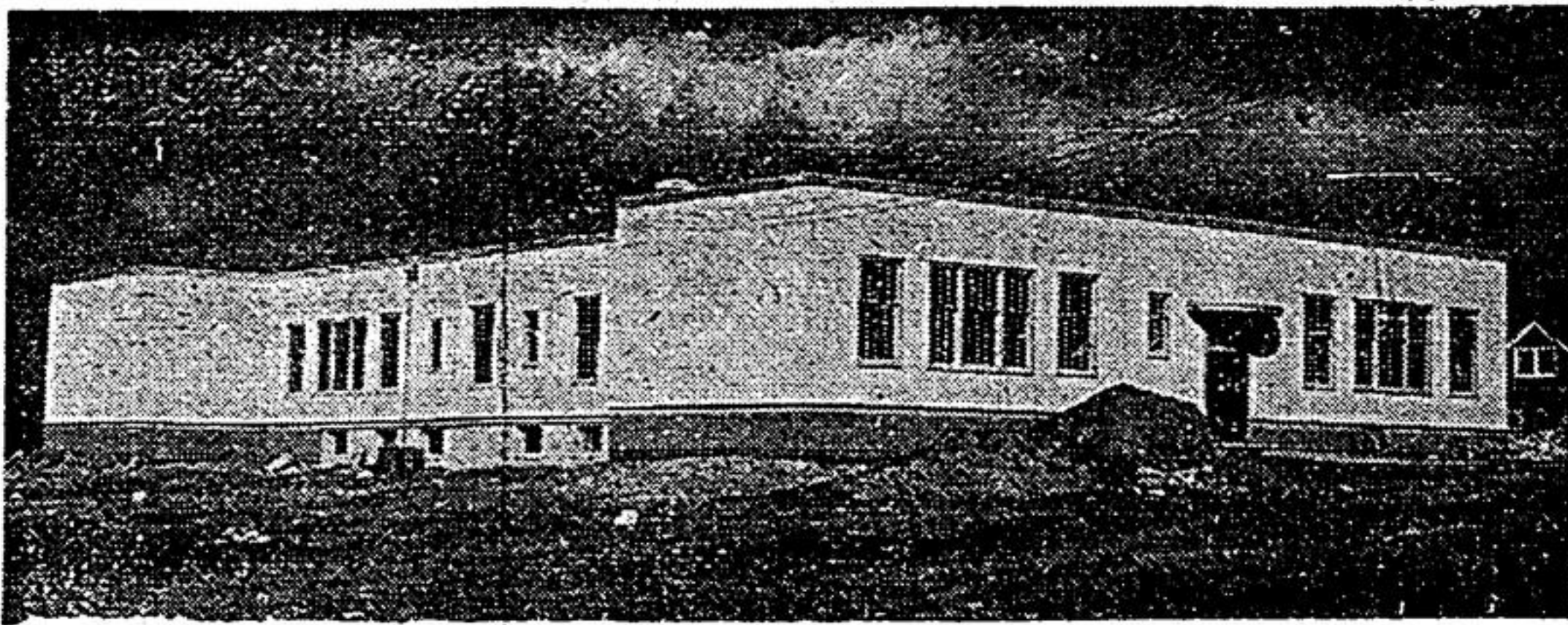
The M.O.H. and council have been at variance for some time, and recently after council asked for his resignation and obtained the approval of the Provincial Dept. of Health, to his dismissal, Dr. Hoare was reinstated until the end of this year. However, Monday evening the council sought to shorten the term.

BAPTIST PASTOR MOVED TO OTTAWA

Five years pastor of the Stouffville Baptist Church, Rev. D. Macgregor preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening. Many of his admirers outside his own congregation missed his final oration, as the decision to accept the new charge offered him at Ottawa left no time to make any newspaper announcement of his farewell.

The local congregation would liked to have retained Mr. Macgregor who was persuaded to ask for his release from Westboro Baptist church Ottawa with whom he had engaged, but it was not forthcoming.

Modern School for Pickering's D.I.L. Families



This fine new 8-roomed public school just completed will serve the pupils in Ajax at the southern end of Pickering Township. More

than 180 pupils are enrolled. They are provided with free transportation for those coming any distance. It is probably the only community

school in Ontario entirely built and largely financed by the Dominion Government. What will become of it after the war?

Prize Winners at Plowing Match

Norman McLeod of Galt and W. L. Clark of Gormley were the judges at the North York Plowing match held Wednesday last week on the farm of Delos Graham at Ringwood. Ideal weather conditions helped induce a good crowd to attend despite very busy times on the farm. Ed. Timbers carried off the prize for best plowed land in the match, a prize he won here before.

Stouffville Senior Institute provided the supper in Ratcliff's Hall in their usual efficient way, and to the great satisfaction of the plowmen. Below is the list of prize winners:

CLASS 1—Ed. Timbers, Floyd Steckley, Norman Jarvis, Gordon Cain, Julian Malton; crown and finish; E. Timbers.

CLASS 2—B. Wylie, Woodville, Roy Smith, Gormley, Russel Watson, Woodbridge, Harold Coyers, A. Featherstone, Claremont; crown Wylie; finish, Smith.

CLASS 3—Jas. Lee, Greenbank, Rae-Ferguson; Whitchurch, Haines, Goodwood, N. Steckley, Ringwood; crown, Lee; finish, Ferguson.

CLASS 4—R. Livingstone, Woodbridge, D. Clubine, Woodbridge, Jack Campbell, Churchhill, E. Jennings, King; Wm. Holder, Manilla; crown, Livingstone; finish, Clubine.

CLASS 5—A. Spang, Claremont; W. Barry, Manilla; crown and finish, Spang.

CLASS 6—Bruce Timbers, Grant Wells, Garnet Rae; crown, Timbers; finish, Wells.

CLASS 7—Ivan McLaughlin, Cedar Valley; Ernie Evans, Maple; A. Logan, Ringwood; Murray Timbers, Stouffville; G. Hostrosser, Malton; C. McLaughlin; F., Logan.

CLASS 8—H. Pugh, Stouffville; H. Henry, Campbellcroft; Allen Wells, Lemonville; Murray McMillan, Queensville; Geo. Timbers, Whitchurch; crown and finish, Pugh.

CLASS 9—Robert Timbers, Stouffville; David Ratcliff, Melvin Sedore, Keswick.

SALADA TEA SPECIAL for best land done with jointer plow—F. Steckley.

ALLIS CHALMERS SPECIAL—David Ratcliff, Stouffville.

BEST TEAM, grooming and equipment—Winfred Timbers, Stouffville.

Loan Drive in North York Lagging But Victory Assured

If you haven't invested in Victory Bonds until you feel the pinch, you really haven't done your share in this Victory Loan campaign, have you? All Stouffville subscribed up to Saturday night the sum of \$43,500, Markham village \$42,800, and Richmond Hill \$30,800.

Markham township has passed the half way mark of \$200,000 to subscribe so far. \$124,650, and Whitchurch has just gotten over the half-way mark to invest \$65,000.

Notwithstanding, North York's failure, the total objective for all Canada reached \$715,205,800 by Wednesday. Four days to go yet.

Eleven hunters from this district will leave on Monday for the Parry Sound district to make their headquarters while in search of deer at a place called Rye, near South River. Despite its name Jack Silverthorn says it is really a dry place. Those in this party are: Herbert Hisey, Clare Bolender, Fred Allen, Leonard Brillinger, Reg. Stouffer, Elmer Fockler, John Burnett, Walter Pipher, William Greenbury, Jack Silverthorn, and Walter Tompkins (Uxbridge).

Foxes Raid Uxbridge Turkey Flocks

Foxes have been making costly raids on the poultry flocks along the second of Uxbridge and the immediate neighborhood. At least twelve turkeys, mostly hens have been killed, and farmers are calling for the township council to pay a bounty for foxes in an effort to exterminate them from the municipality.

One night last week foxes attacked the Albert Taylor farm in this neighborhood, disturbing the household before daylight with the noise made by the turkeys. Mr. Taylor hurried to the barn, but only at daylight could he see the damage. The birds had scattered to the trees. Nevertheless, three lovely big turkey hens had been killed.

Two turkeys belonging to Morgan Deeger roosting with the Taylor birds were also killed in a previous raid by foxes, and at the Deeger farm they killed a big gobbler, also two weeks before that six nice pullets disappeared, so that the foxes are living on Christmas fare right along.

"I think it is time steps were taken to rid the district of these animals, and the best thing to do is to pay a bounty for them," said one farmer from the 2nd to The Tribune this week.

Former Markham Official Buried

Much regret is felt throughout the Buttonville district on the passing of Robert James Cunningham whose death came as a result of a fall from an apple tree. He died in the Toronto East General Hospital on Thursday.

Mr. Cunningham was in his 82nd year and was well known over the eastern side of Markham township where he was a lifelong resident. He was the son of Robert Cunningham who came from Scotland early in the last century, taking up land on the Hagerman sideroad near the 4th concession of Markham. The deceased, whose life partner was Euphemia, daughter of Nicholas Hagerman, another pioneer, spent his early life farming, but in his late years was employed as road foreman in Markham township, a position he held till August 1942, notwithstanding his great age.

Funeral service was held at the home of his son Harold near Langstaff and interment was made at Hagerman cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. George Kelley, Aubrey Stephenson, Douglas Hood, Fred Tenyson, W. Baker, and Deputy Reeve Charles Hooper. Sorrowing are two sons Harold at Langstaff, and Elmo with the R.C.A.F. in England.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Lois Marie, youngest daughter of Mrs. Hoover and the late Louis W. Hoover of Claremont, to Thomas Kenneth Walters, son of Mrs. Walters and the late John Walters of Toronto, Ontario. The marriage will take place in Westmoreland United Church, Saturday, November 14 at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemon Clarke, Goodwood, Ontario, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Maud Pauline, to Samuel David Fockler, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fockler, Stouffville. The marriage to take place, November the 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morton announce the engagement of their daughter, Blanche Edna to Willis Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, Stouffville. Marriage to take place the latter part of November.

Dr. S. S. Ball has forsaken his medical practice for a few days to have a look over the deer hunting grounds up north. Myron Anderson went along and the couple are in hopes of meeting up with at least one of those fleet-footed animals.

all speeders.

The issue between council and town electrician is reported in another item, and concluded the business of the evening.

Parents Wait Long Year to Hear That Son is Prisoner at Hong Kong

After one long anxious year Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper, of Whitchurch received a message from Ottawa on Saturday announcing that their son Allen Harper was a prisoner of war in Hong Kong Camp, as revealed by the Japanese through the Geneva Red Cross. Allen Harper has been missing since last Christmas, but hope for his safety was never abandoned by his mother, who only recently sent a parcel to him in the expectation that it would reach their son whom they are now definitely assured is alive and uninjured. Allen Harper was the first of three brothers to join up from this Sixth Concession home.



Congregation Marks Fiftieth Anniversary Bloomington Church

Last Sunday the Bloomington Christian Church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, when it was recalled at the morning service, that at the laying of the corner stone in July 1892 the Hon. William Mulock officiated, also Pastor C. Hainer, Elder W. M. Percy and Rev. Mr. Willoughby. Last Sunday's services marked the 109th anniversary of the founding of the church and the fiftieth year of the present church building.

The services were well attended both morning and evening, and the Pastor Rev. G. W. Brown welcomed many old friends and former members. The speaker in the morning was Rev. C. E. Fockler of Maple, former member of the church and music was rendered by a choir of former members under the leadership of Mr. John Dougherty of Stouffville. In the evening the sermon was preached by Mr. Bramwell Reed, Toronto, and music was contributed by the Baker Hill Quartette.

A historical sketch read in the morning by Mr. Earl Davis, a deacon in the church, revealed the following information:

On September 23, 1891, a Mr. Elijah Johnson offered to build the new house of worship, provided the other members would agree to furnish the land, and do all hauling of materials and all team work in connection with the building. Mr. Johnson was also to be allowed to use any suitable material from the old building in the new one. At a business meeting in May 1892, Bros. Jacob Fockler, Samuel Hoover, and Jonathan Baker were appointed a committee to go to Newmarket to the registry office and search the records there, in reference to the title of the land in question; and that \$50.00 was to be paid down and the balance paid by note.

It was to be regretted that Mr. Johnson passed away in July 1892 so was not spared to see the edifice completed. But it was recorded that his sister Eunice Johnson was the donor of the organ, which was placed in the church and which has been used for nearly fifty years. The Trustees of 1892 were Jacob Fockler, John Stapleton, Daniel Burnett and to these were added Arthur Stapleton and Samuel Hoover as the building committee, the latter, Samuel Hoover, being the only surviving member today. The Deacons were Jacob Fockler and Arthur Stapleton, and in 1926 Mr. Earl Davis was appointed Deacon in the place of Arthur Stapleton, deceased, and likewise in 1938 W. A. Fockler succeeded his father, Elder C. H. Hainer served the church as pastor eleven consecutive years, each year adding new members to the church. Rev. Orland Hathaway followed Elder Hainer in 1909, then Rev. B. A. Willoughby, then a group of students from McMaster University, Rev. C. R. Duncan, Rev. A. T. Mercer and Alex. Chisour, who gave his life in the first Great War. Rev. D. V. VanNorman was the next pastor and following him Rev. E. Morton was the next resident minister. Serving with him were Rev. Llewellyn C. Fletcher, Rev. Stanley Paisley and Robert Hamilton. Rev. Cockburn came next and today Rev. Gibson Brown is the pastor of the church.

Another part of the church organization that has played a valiant place in the worship services was the choir, and in the choir last Sunday morning were four men, who had led the singing throughout the fifty years. Their names, in order of their services were: J. S. Dougherty, Hillard Fockler, Robt. Johnson and W. A. Fockler. Organists throughout this same period were as follows, Miss Margaret Stark, (deceased); Mrs. Bertie Forsythe Fockler; Mrs. Lou Williams; Mrs. Estella Davis Wags; Miss Nora Stapleton and the present organist Mrs. W. A. Fockler.

The work of the Sunday School organized in 1833 has been a real factor in the building up of the church. Likewise the Christian Endeavor, which was organized February 2, 1892 and is still the training school for new converts, who will be the leaders of the church in the future.

LEAVING SANTA CLAUS IN THE DARK

The customary cheery Christmas Tree that annually stands in front of the Municipal Hall will not be put up this year, because of the wartime restrictions against Christmas trees. Merchants are forbidden to decorate their stores with trees that are lighted, and homes may not display trees in the yard, but may light Christmas trees in the house.

Don't let your municipality down in going over the top. Buy more Victory Bonds this week.