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New Municipal Office Proposed for Markham

Township Proposal to Acquire a Property at Unionville is Disclosed

Well founded rumor has it that the Township of Markham is likely to acquire the Lunau residence in the village of Unionville to be converted into township offices. At present the municipality rents office space and has its vault in the post office building, while council meetings are held in the basement of the public hall.

It is reliably reported that the price for the building has been fixed between the council and clerk Charles Hoover who acquired the Lunau property at the recent public auction, all negotiations up to this stage have been more or less a secret, but with the deal now ready to put in the bag, secrecy is no longer necessary.

Reeve Rennie stated that if the municipality assumes the building the entire business of the township council would be carried on all under one roof. At present records are required at a council meeting, which are in the office of the clerk and treasurer, and must be sent for. The proposed change, he said, would enable the business of the Road Superintendent to be carried on from an office in the building. There would be ample room for a police office too, which now is carried on from the residence of the police officer.

The change over, it is argued, would not involve a heavy expenditure, nor would it disturb the tax rate.

Those in favor of the idea maintain that the saving in rental, would more than carry the project, while the change would give added accommodation to the expanding business of the municipality.

Prominent Member of Masonic Order Dies Suddenly

The death of Mr. George Murphy of Unionville which occurred in the hospital at Welland, Ontario, where he was confined when taken ill while on a visit to the home of his daughter in Welland, came as a tremendous shock to the people of his home village last Friday, and a still wider circle of Masonic brethren throughout District B, which includes Stouffville, Markham and Clarendon. Death was due to heart trouble.

The late George Murphy was only 59 years of age. He was a native of Scotland, and graduate of Glasgow University. As a young man he came to Canada a mining engineer and located in Northern Ontario.

He was a 32 degree Mason, and a member of Barrie Encampment. Mr. Murphy stood high in Masonry, was Past District Grand Supervisor for Northern Ontario, and since locating at Unionville 11 years ago had been honored by being chosen D.D.G.M. for this Toronto District B. He affiliated with Markham Union Lodge and was a member of Northern Light Chapter, and life member of Golden Beaver Lodge, Timmins.

"A distinct loss to Masonry in District B," was the sincere comment of one of his closest Unionville companions to The Tribune this week commenting on the passing of Mr. Murphy.

22 members of Markham Lodge mostly from Unionville, attended the funeral at Fonthill cemetery, and only the great distance prevented many others from being present. Messrs. W. J. Warriner, Jas. Smith, F. S. Pollard, Markham Union, Alfred Jones, Acacia, T. J. Johnson, Canada Lodge, and Mr. Massie, of Golden Beaver Lodge, Timmins, were chosen pall bearers. Service was held in Fonthill United Church. 75 Masons assembled for the last sad obsequies.

Mrs. Murphy and one daughter Mrs. Frank Warren are left to revere the memory of a kind and loving husband and father.

BIRTHS

HARPER—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, November 6, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harper, the gift of a daughter.

STOVER—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, November 8th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stover, a baby brother, for Bobbie.

Bingo in Eastern Star Rooms, Thursday November 12th. Good prizes, lots of fun. 25c.

TRAINING IN SASK.



L.A.C. Bruce Stover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover, Stouffville, who is at present stationed with the R.C.A.F. at Yorkton, Sask. Bruce entered the service in January of this year and will, graduate in a short time as a full-fledged fighter pilot.

HIG BLACK BEAR TARGET FOR MUCH LOCAL AMMUNITION

Biggest news for local people last week was the hunt for Rommel's soldiers, but next in line was the report coming from the northern woods where Ernie Button is reported to have met up with a big black bear. The huge fat animal took a look at the retired hardware merchant, then started lumbering into the wood at full speed. The hunter turned on his repeating rifle, emptied it, reloaded and emptied it again. Every shot found its mark, and no near misses, but the old black beauty kept rolling along until he was lost beyond recovery, leaving only a trail of blood as a bit of satisfaction for the huntsman, and his allies who participated in the charge. All being good marksmen that old bear must be carrying around an awful load of lead this week.

WILL CELEBRATE 82nd ANNIVERSARY

The St. James Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 82nd Anniversary with special services this coming Sunday, with the Minister, the Rev. T. DeCoursey Rayner, officiating as Anniversary Preacher at the special request of the Kirk Session. There will be two services, the morning service at 9.45 a.m., when the Atha Ladies' Trio will sing; and the evening service at 7.30 p.m., when the Kinsmen Male Quartette of Toronto will render a programme of Gospel songs. Former members and friends are cordially invited to these services. See advertisement in this paper.

Ammunition Cache Discovered on the Mt. Joy Sideroad

Markham Township has a mystery case which remains unsolved. A cache containing 125 rounds of ammunition, powder and caps and a complete change of clothing was discovered recently on the Mount Joy sideroad, just east of the 8th concession.

The incident was first revealed by a farmer who reported seeing a soldier walking on the road, saw him disappear and then re-appear suddenly with a parcel, and hurry away. The farmer whose name is not disclosed told police that this performance was repeated on two occasions, and that on investigation he found a neat hideout in the bank of the five-foot ditch, and a club bag, containing the clothing and ammunition.

The case is under observation of Constable Ben. Gayman of Markham Township.

Memorial Service to Honor Heroes of Last War

A Memorial Service under the auspices of the Stouffville Air Cadets will be held on Sunday afternoon, next, November 15th, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the United Church, Stouffville. This service which is intended for both Stouffville and district is being held as a memorial to the Canadian boys who fell in the last war.

Under acting Commanding Officer M. E. Watts, the cadets will form up at the C.N.R. station and will lead the parade to the church. It will also include members of the Stouffville Branch, North York Veterans' Association and civic bodies.

The address of the afternoon will be delivered by Flight Lieut. A. A. Maloney, Padre at Manning Pool, Toronto. Mr. Murray Huntley of Queensville will be the guest soloist and Mrs. Charles Nolan will preside at the organ.

Immediately following this public service the parade will move to the Memorial Park gates where the Remembrance Day wreath will be placed by Mrs. John Pearson. Thence they will proceed to the cemetery, to decorate the graves of the fallen heroes.

All citizens of Stouffville and surrounding district are urged to participate in this public function to honor our war dead of 1914-18.

Inspector Praises Work at Stouffville Continuation School

Report of the Continuation School Inspector read before the School Board Monday evening was listened to with a great deal of satisfaction by Board members. Credit was given the staff for their work, and the able administration of Principal Murphy. It was noted, however, that the office furniture in the teachers' room was not rated, because, as Chairman Dr. Freeland stated, "it is a disgrace."

The Chairman recommended that the members meet at the school to inspect the furniture which he said was unfit for use, and should be replaced with some substantial office fittings.

The report of the Inspector concluded with reference to the extra good work of the janitor.

The Air Cadets were granted space in a basement room which will be partitioned off for use of the cadet equipment. Cadet work is part of the school curriculum this year.

An expenditure of \$125 was made when it was decided to trade in the Gestetner printing machine in the school for the newer model. Strong factor in favor of the change was the fact that the guarantee and free service for five years had expired. The machine is serviced four times a year, and more if necessary. The expenditure for a new machine would be more than consumed by having to pay service charges in future which will now be renewed for five years with the new machine which has important improvements over the old model.

The secretary W. E. Smalley announced that the elementary grant from the government had arrived and amounted to \$926.79, a slight increase over last year.

Mr. Smalley made a formal request that the secretary be paid \$150 a year instead of \$125. No action at this time.

FINED FOR SHOOTING UP FARMER'S COMBINE

Four Toronto men were found guilty of malicious damage to Mr. Clark Young's combine, in police court on Monday, and assessed \$20 each. The charge was laid by Constable Ben. Gayman.

On the day of the pheasant shoot in Markham Township, October 24, the men were allegedly seen on the farm of Clark Young, 4th concession, where they were said to have riddled the tires of Mr. Young's combine which happened to be sitting in a field at the time.

The quartette were also fined \$10 each for using rifles during the shoot, which is prohibited, while a charge of hunting without a license was dismissed.

BALLANTRAE PATRIOTISM HOLDS RECORD

This small hamlet of Ballantrae has two families that have given four sons each to the war. Hugh Bingham has four sons overseas, while Percy Cutler has three sons in England and one in Canada all serving.

Whitchurch Township Council meet next Saturday afternoon for general business.

Whitchurch Organizes Metal Scrap Campaign

Collection Dates Set for Nov. 26-27-28. School Sections to Act

Under the chairmanship of Warden C. E. Toole a big drive for steel scrap will be inaugurated in his home township of Whitchurch during the three days of November 26, 27 and 28. Every section is expected to participate and school secretaries and teachers are being asked to co-operate in the campaign.

The campaign is part of a big salvage drive throughout the rural districts of Ontario and sponsored in each county by the warden. Conveniently located groups will be headed by captains charged with the responsibility of seeing that all scrap owned by individuals is delivered to a central point. There the government agency will pay \$7 a net ton, the price fixed by the department of Munitions and Supplies for scrap iron and steel other than tin cans or sheet metal of any kind, automobile bodies or fenders, stovepipes or wooden attachments.

An additional \$1.50 per ton will be paid for scrap loaded into cars and a further \$1.50 per ton if they are loaded with 25 tons or more. Groups working near each other may pool their accumulation and load jointly to take advantage of the higher price.

When the scrap has been collected by a group it can be donated to the Voluntary Salvage Committee functioning in their community or sold to the government agency. If that is done proceeds from the sale can be turned over to the local Salvage Committee or can be divided up between the various members of the group.

The plan which will afford people in country districts an outlet for their scrap metal, will at the same time allow them to make a valuable contribution to the war effort, and fulfill another important obligation—the accumulation of funds for war services in their community.

WHITCHURCH FARMER FOUND LIFELESS ON ROAD

Life long resident of Whitchurch Township, William Smith was found dead on Yonge street last Friday, and investigation showed his death was due to a heart attack.

Mr. Smith left home on the 3rd to visit Schomberg Jct., and was overcome on the walk. He was 78 years of age, and has been a widower since the death of his wife several years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Stouffville, and one son W. H. Smith of Gormley R.R. Interment on Friday was made in Aurora Cemetery.

Britain's Man of the Hour



Here is the two-listed, hard-fighting commander who smashed Rommel, Lieut.-Gen. Bernard Low Montgomery had been in Egypt just three weeks when he stopped Rommel's last offensive two

STATIONED IN B.C.



Bdr. Dudley H. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster, Stouffville, 5th concession of Whitchurch who is stationed at present at a British Columbia military camp. Bdr. Foster enlisted in the R.C.A. one year ago last February, and was home on leave in September. He is an only son.

C.N.R. Station Thief Still Holding Out

So far no arrests or charges have been made since a thief stole about \$65 from the C.N.R. station in town one evening last week. Station Master Robert Johnston started to count the money when unexpectedly the evening train whistle blew. He hurriedly locked the door entering the waiting room, and went out through the freight shed door to the platform, but was not out of his office more than three minutes, he states.

Returning, the money was gone, every dollar of it. A police check-up of the "boys" hanging around the place is being made, strong suspicions are held, but no action has been taken against anyone. There were several adults in the station room at the time of the theft who could readily have seen anyone attempting to get in by that entrance off the waiting room.

ELECTION TIME DRAWING NEAR

Nomination night is two weeks from Friday for the village of Stouffville, since the early election date has been decided on by the council to get away from the Christmas and New Year season. The 1942 council and school board will continue to function as usual until their term expires at the end of the year.

North York Reaches the Victory Loan Objective

Stouffville First Place to Go Over the Top in the Victory Loan Drive.

The district of North York has just reached its objective in the Victory Loan campaign, headquarters at Newmarket informed The Tribune this Wednesday morning. Stouffville was the first municipality to reach its objective which was \$55,000, and final figures for the village show that we have now subscribed \$75,550.

The Township of Whitchurch was the only place in the local area which failed to reach its objective. This was a foregone conclusion as it was realized from the start that an objective out of all proportion to former subscriptions had been set for Whitchurch. Up to Wednesday morning the township had subscribed \$97,550.

Markham Township, with an objective of \$200,000 reported in \$199,150 and will go over the top. Markham village subscribed \$76,550, and Richmond Hill village \$59,200 Markham made a good showing and exceeded its investment in the last loan considerably, while Richmond Hill fell short of their previous peak.

Seventeen Years Service Ended

Mr. N. W. Byer will pass out of office next Saturday as town electrician for Stouffville, after continuous service for 17 years. Mr. Byer is away hunting deer this week, but left his resignation in writing, after providing a means for the council to re-engage him on more equitable terms for himself. The electrician offered to remain at the old pay of \$60 per month, provided the meter reading was taken off his hands. He also required a certain amount of free electricity which he intimated is given in Markham free for an electrician's house use.

Council was summoned together to consider the proposal a few days ago, when after considerable discussion Councillor Hugh Boyd moved that the resignation be accepted. Councillor Ratcliff seconded the motion, and it was carried.

The hydro work for the present, beginning next week will be done on an hourly basis for a short time at least. That is, if N. W. Byer or Horace Walsh, electrician of the town, or the Markham rural gang are required to do any work on the system, it will be paid for on an hourly basis.

A new hydro contract setting out the duties of the electrician recently drafted, was rejected by Mr. Byer on the grounds that he was not being paid enough to take on the job under the terms of the said contract.

\$500 LIFTED FROM UNIONVILLE SAFE

Last Monday afternoon thieves entered the smart looking service station in Unionville belonging to Harry Broadway located at the southeast corner of Kennedy Road and No. 7 highway, and made off with \$500 in cash. The money was taken from the safe while the station was in full operation between four and six o'clock. No untoward person was noticed around, and the scoop is completely shrouded in mystery. Constable B. Gayman who lives almost opposite the garage, has the case in charge.

Library Board Member Reinstated

A formal notice from the Library Board sent by the secretary Mrs. Riches read before the school Board on Monday evening stated that Mr. L. C. Murphy was no longer a member of Library Board and requested that the vacancy be filled. The trustees were perplexed. Then Mr. Murphy arrived at the meeting and explained that he had missed three meetings and the Library Board took advantage of their power to declare the seat vacant. He is a representative of the School Board on the Library Board.

In quicker time than it took to write the resolution Mr. Murphy was restored to the Library Board by resolution of trustees Stover and McMullen. It was stated that the Library does not send out notices of meetings, and recently they were changed, and no formal notice was given. Mr. Murphy, however, declared that he had been very busy and for two of the meetings was unavoidably absent. Chairman of the Library Board is Mr. Fred Marshall.