

New Council Chambers Now Markham Twp. Decides

Markham Township Council on Monday voted down a resolution to sell the Lunau house opposite the township hall for \$2,500, with the idea of waiting until after the war before erecting new council chambers.

R. L. Stiver, sponsored the resolution and Councillor Dalton Rumney seconded the resolution. Mr. Stiver called for the yeas and nays. Reeve Charles Hooper, Deputy Reeve W. L. Clark and Councillor Albert Reesor voted nay. Mr. Rumney and Mr. Stiver voted yea.

It was then decided by resolution to proceed with the construction of a vault and other changes, costing around \$200 in readiness to move the offices into the new premises directly opposite the township hall.

The issue was cordially discussed when Mr. Stiver offered his resolution, which read: "That council instruct the clerk to sell the Lunau house for \$2,500." The property was purchased for \$2,200.

Councillor Stiver said council had a lemon on their hands (meaning the present hall) purchased back in 1926 costing \$1,600. The material could be reclaimed for use in a new building. Markham, the banner township should have a place to accommodate clerk and constable, and since Markham is the banner township no make-shift would do, he implied. There should be accommodation for the fire department. A brigade beyond reproach. He wanted it understood that he had no thought of erecting such a building at this time.

Councillor Rumney said the Lunau place was not suitable. After the war a more satisfactory hall could be built, and he was disposed to carry on as at present.

"I don't think the arguments advanced carry any great weight," declared councillor Albert Reesor. He was in agreement with Councillor Stiver so far as his remarks concerned a Council Chamber and police quarters, and these were being provided for in the Lunau place. Evidently the council made a good buy since it has increased \$300, he said.

Mr. Reesor explained that it was planned to spend about \$200, and nothing would be done to spoil the place as living premises, and if the day comes after the war when we want to sell, we can do so, he declared.

Mr. Reesor said Mr. Stiver had mentioned a community hall at last meeting in connection with the new chambers. How much would all this cost, he asked.

Mr. Stiver—Don't you think about \$8,000 and the material from the old hall would do it?

He didn't recall mentioning a community hall.

"I don't think that would go far," said Mr. Reesor, who also said he didn't see why we should be asked to build a fire hall. Unionville gets \$500 per year from the township for the fire brigade and if the fires attended rate more than that at \$50 per fire, the council pays more. As for a community hall, he said half the township wasn't interested. After all it is a very small issue now, an expenditure of some \$200. The property has been purchased.

Mr. Rumney—"Why not set up a sinking fund for a new building?" All the money we are spending is no more than a rental, said Mr. Reesor.

"If you go ahead, with this scheme, the trouble will be that no council will have back-bone enough to build in five years or more, Mr. Stiver observed.

"The ratepayers I have contacted are not interested in selling now, and if this was a real issue I don't see why Mr. Stiver didn't state his platform at the nomination," Mr. Reesor said.

Mr. Stiver—"I never dreamed of being a candidate, and didn't expect to be in the council."

Deputy Reeve Clark said the old council had given the whole matter careful consideration. Nothing has happened since to change my mind. We need the protection of a new vault for our documents. Spending \$2,500 is cheap for even five years if a new place should ever be built. From this out a rental up town would have to be paid he said, commenting on the good service rendered by Mrs. Davison. However, the vault there is not fire-proof any longer, and the place is not suitable for the clerk's office.

"If Unionville wants co-operation they should come to this council and ask, not make it a political football," said Reeve Hooper. Some day, he thought, the village might become incorporated and he wanted to know where the farmers could derive any benefit from another community hall. There are three in the township now. We are ready to co-operate, he declared, if they pay their share. The township does not need another hall. We need a council chambers and police quarters. He didn't think the present safe fireproof, and should the

IS REPORTED MISSING



Sergt. Wireless Air Gunner Russel Stover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stover, is reported missing overseas after recent air operations.

MARKHAM RED CROSS OBJECTIVE PASSED

The Red Cross drive in Markham Twp., has reached \$3,311.79 with perhaps a few additions still to come. As the objective set for the township was \$2,600, the local canvassers officers and all the givers are entitled to thanks. Amount received by each collector will be published next week.

Back Our Tortured Seamen by Buying Victory Bonds

Frank Laskier's story of three escapes from death at sea enthralled those who attended the Victory loan organization dinner at Pickering college, Newmarket on Thursday evening.

The attendance of 150 persons compared with 90 at the third Victory loan dinner was "fair evidence of the concern of men of the riding" for the success of the loan, Chairman Aubrey Davis, Newmarket, stated.

"Those who were overseas in the last war will bear me out when I say that nothing stimulates the men overseas like knowing that they have the support of the people at home," said Mr. Davis.

Mr. Laskier, speaker of the evening said that he saw something of the war in Spain. "Germany and Italy were practising," he said. "Don't be misled by all the newspaper talk about the Italians who don't like Mussolini." He said that Italians could be unscrupulous to the point that they could teach Hitler and Tojo.

"They put a tin fish into us at half past twelve at night," said Mr. Laskier as he told how his first ship was sunk at sea. "She sank in four and a half minutes. The ship was cut in two. What happened to the boys down below—whether they were scalded to death or killed—remains a secret between them and God."

Other men were trapped in the fo'c'sle. Ten men of whom Laskier was one got into a boat. "They machine-gunned us. Seven of us got away."

He said that six or seven hundred Canadian boys who had signed on Canadian merchant ships in Canadian ports had been lost at sea in this war, and in addition there were many who had signed on other ships or in other ports.

"I was lucky," continued Mr. Laskier. "I went nine months until we were hit again."

"If you are defensively equipped (one gun in the stern), he is supposed to give you half an hour to abandon ship," he related. But the submarine which got his second ship shelled their radio without warning. Some seamen manned the one gun and the submarine killed the gun crew.

"Then they shelled our life-boats," Mr. Laskier said. "They never gave us a chance. After two and a half hours, 15 of us, 14 men and one boy, got away in a lifeboat."

"You have a small but noisy minority who are always grouching. They say 'No beer, no bonds.' They complain about rationing."

"You are in a lifeboat with 14 pounds of biscuits, water that gives out in three days, and 20 days to (Continued on page five)

Cemetery Burials Here, 34 Last Year

The other day the reporter contacted Mr. Lorne McMullen, caretaker of the Stouffville cemetery, and from his books we secured information of interest to many readers.

During the year, from the first day of January to the 31st day of December 34 interments were made. The month of October reaped the biggest harvest with seven commitments, whereas January, April, August, and November only one burial in each of these months was recorded.

March was the nearest approach to October with five funerals to the local sacred acre. Next in line came February and December with four each, while the remaining months, June and July saw two in each of these periods laid away. The number of commitments from outside the village as compared with purely local residents at the time of death is almost a 50-50 break.

The winter just ended being one of the most severe for many years was hard on elderly people. From November to March inclusive nineteen burials were made here, and nine of these were non-resident people. This is fair evidence that the local cemetery is well patronized by the surrounding countryside and by former residents of the district.

The money for a chapel on the cemetery grounds will be available from the Williamson estate before it will be possible to build due to shortage of materials, but such an addition will popularize the cemetery more than ever, if such a place can be said to be popular at all. Proper entrance and location of the vault or chapel is still the problem of the Cemetery Commission who have not made much progress so far in solving the perplexing trouble.

CHURCH RECEIVES \$1,000 GIFT

At an official meeting of the United Church Board on Monday evening, the receipt of a \$1,000 bequest from the estate of the late Thomas Williamson was announced. As the money will no doubt be earmarked for some permanent improvement after the war, it was decided to invest the gift in a Victory Bond for the present.

OLD HOTEL PREMISES SOLD

The Forsyth hotel at Goodwood which was offered for sale under mortgage only recently has since been sold privately to Charles Watson, Goodwood merchant. The historic old saloon is most convenient to Watson's general store, it

2,500 Apply Here for Sugar

Applications for canning sugar which closed on April 15 registered over 2,500 at Stouffville alone for the Markham district. These applications were originally supposed to be forwarded direct to the secretary of your local board, which in the case of Stouffville people was in Markham. However, Reeve Weldon and George Story, member of the local board undertook to receive applications here for the locality whether you lived in Pickering, Uxbridge, Whitchurch or Markham townships, and forwarded them to the headquarters at Markham there to be compiled and sent to Toronto. Before forwarding local applications Mr. Weldon and Mr. Storey had them checked and corrected where correction was necessary so that all applications passing through local hands were in order. That was a splendid service to render to the district and relieved many householders of a real headache over this matter, especially those who bungled their application, for in such cases headquarters would have returned them to the applicants for correction. Hundreds of local applications were mailed direct to Markham and that was all right too.

One applicant in Stouffville living alone was said to have applied for 115 pounds of sugar, and a family of four asked for four bags. We understand the basis on which canning sugar will be issued will be 25 pounds per person, but this is not authentic, and is only a rumor.

BIRTHS

MORGAN — To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan, Brookline, on Saturday, April 17th, at Oshawa, General Hospital, the gift of a son (John Grant)

LEWIS — To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis, Stouffville, on Sunday, April 18th, 1943, at The Brierbush Hospital, the gift of a son, Richard George.

SMITH — To Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Smith, Stouffville, on Wednesday, April 14th, 1943, at the Brierbush Hospital, the gift of a son, Douglas Fraser.

SHE SMILINGLY TAKES THE CALF IN HAND



Strathmore Hannah Flood, noted heifer from the C.P.R. herd was one of the 135 animals sold at Markham last week from the company's Strathmore herd. Mrs. Edythe

Thom, daughter of Mrs. Alex. Grubin of Stouffville is getting a real kick out of her first attempt to hold the halter while the cameraman snaps the famous Alberta calf.

600 CHICKS ROASTED IN BROODER HOUSE FIRE

Last Thursday morning the brooder house on the farm of Ernest Lager, Church Hill, was destroyed by fire together with 600 week-old chicks.

The chicks had been attended about an hour before they were roasted, and the fire happened so suddenly that the place was nearly down before it was noticed. It is supposed that the blaze was caused from the oil-type heater in use. The loss is estimated to be around \$100.

HORSES ON THE UP

The price of horse flesh is decidedly on the up-swing according to Clark Prentice, auctioneer, who sold a Belgian team for \$310, at the Jos. Wright sale in Pickering township last week, that Mr. Wright bought four years ago for \$10 less. Since he had four years service out of the animals and they are that much older, to say nothing of the ten dollars, these horses at least advanced considerably in price.

Russel Dowswell has rented the William Hackney farm near his own premises in Uxbridge township and will crop the 140 acre addition this spring.

10 ACRES OATS SOWN

To Fred Pike of the 10th concession, Markham, just north of No. 7 highway, probably goes the award for being the first farmer in the township this year to do any seeding. On April 12 Mr. Pike sowed ten acres of oats. The ground worked splendidly but there was frost underneath, he reports.

This is undoubtedly the first seeding in the Stouffville district for 1943 and is probably two weeks ahead of what we can count on as the likely date that seeding will be general in the district.

Stores Open Two Nights a Week

At a well attended meeting of the business men of Stouffville on Tuesday night it was decided to open their places of business on Tuesday and Saturday evenings all summer beginning with the first week in May and ending with the last week in September.

For more than 25 years the stores have continued the practise of opening three nights a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, but it was felt that with the shortage of help, the shortage of goods, and because of other circumstances two nights per week would render ample service. It was pointed out that most towns open only on Saturday night while the larger places do not accord even that overtime service.

Some merchants were favorable to closing every night but Saturday, but the idea was not general especially when the stores close a half day per week. It was finally almost unanimous to open Tuesday and Saturday nights, and close every Wednesday at noon. Stores will also open any night before a holiday.

TRACTOR SELLS AT \$630

The public auction on the Brodie farm on No. 7 Highway last Saturday afternoon turned in receipts of \$6,700, Auctioneer Farmer reports. Horses sold well considering the condition of the market. A chestnut mare brought \$180, a road mare \$175 and a black gelding \$150. The high cow sold at \$150, and implements sold extra good, but they were well cared for in the past. The tractor went at \$630, a side delivery rake \$205, hay loader \$225, and the farm wagon \$60. The land roller was dropped at \$60, the same implement the same auctioneer sold a year ago at \$40 to Mr. Silis who is giving up farming and moving to Toronto.

Ready for Loan Canvas

With the objective of the Fourth Victory Loan, which opens next week, much higher than in any previous campaign, officials of the National War Finance Committee have revealed that its sales organization is now geared to the peak of perfection. Hundreds of salesmen are ready to make the most thorough canvas of its kind ever attempted. Plans call for 100 per cent coverage of all prospective Bond buyers in Canada, and the goal is not less than 3,000,000 individual subscribers. Every home in every city, town and village should be prepared to receive a visit from a Victory Loan salesman.

One of the features of this sales campaign will be the effort made by salesmen to have every prospect buy two Bonds, one from ready cash available and a second on the instalment plan out of current earnings.

The double purchase plan springs from the great need for increased sales of Bonds to individuals if the minimum objective of \$1,100,000,000 is to be topped. In the last Victory Loan campaign the general public bought approximately \$350,000,000 worth of Bonds. This time at least \$500,000,000 worth must be sold to individuals.

Realizing too that there are a large number of Canadians who have never bought a single Bond since the war started, renewed emphasis is being placed on the job of educating these members of the community.

As one prominent executive of the National War Finance Committee explained, patriotic feeling rather than self-interest will assure the success of the Victory Loan Campaign. While the purchase of a Bond is the act of a wise man building up a reserve for his family, it also affords him an opportunity of reaping the highest interest compatible with the safety of his investment.

Rev. Robt. Young Finishes Useful Life

In declining health for some time Rev. Robert Young passed peacefully away at his home on Church street early Monday morning in his 76th year. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon with service in the United Church conducted by Rev. Douglas Davis assisted by Rev. C. Dyer of New Toronto, Rev. Dr. Thos. Mitchell, Rev. A. J. Orr and representatives of Toronto East Presbytery. Pall bearers were Messrs. Edgar Nigh, Harvey Houck, E. A. Button, Albert Booth, Harvey Moyer, Frank Rae.

The late Robert Young was born near Trenton, in October 1867. He graduated from Queen University with honors and a scholarship. He completed his theological course in 1898.

As a young man he taught high school at Athens, Warton, Renfrew, and was head master at Alexandria. Well equipped scholastically and spiritually Mr. Young was inducted to the ministry of the Presbyterian church. He was pastor at Pakenham, Bath, Port Colborne, Stouffville, Melville, also Elmwood and Hornings Mills. At the time of church union he entered the United Church.

In 1906 the late Robert Young married Lottie Dack of Pakenham and together they served in the Master's vineyard until separated by death. A host of friends are keenly conscious of the irreparable loss. Although Mr. and Mrs. Young had no family they have a mailing list of boys and girls who have gone to distant spheres under their inspiration and encouragement.

In 1935 Mr. Young retired to Stouffville but his spirit was never idle. He was superintendent of the United Sunday School, and his inspiring effort on behalf of the public library resulted in a fine service to book readers that is a blessing at this time. His lofty ideals and citizenship stand as a memorial to one widely beloved.

Besides Mrs. Young and a brother Frank Young of Aurora, two sisters survive, namely, Mrs. George Lockhead of Lachine, Que., and Mrs. Margaret McMaster of Trenton.

ROY GROVE WINS BUDGERIA BIRD

Mr. Roy Grove of Ringwood held the lucky ticket in the Comfort Fund Draw for the Budgeria Bird which was drawn on Saturday night. Nearly \$75 worth of tickets were sold and Mr. Grove added to the fund still another \$10 by turning his prize bird back in for re-sale.

The appreciation of the committee goes to Mrs. (Dr.) E. S. Barker, the donor of the bird and Mr. George Aston of the Gold Fish Supply Co. who donated the cage.

Born in Log Cabin Here 89 Years Ago

Eli Honsberger who died in Toronto, on April 14, was born in a log house that stood close to the Pickering townline, the premises now being the easterly part of Jacob McMullen's farm. It is only in very recent years that Mr. McMullen demolished the old log house along with other buildings nearby. This sturdy old pioneer lived in the district for many years. He was very handy with carpenter tools, and for years worked in the wagon factory at Markham.

Eli Honsberger had three sons serving in the last war, one of them, Thomas, was gassed fighting with the Highlanders, and died in Europe. The three who came back were John now of Hamilton, Artus of Montreal, and Amos of Toronto with whom the father lived and at whose home he died. There is one other son, he being Rev. Earl Honsberger, missionary and preacher, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Barkey, of Stouffville. Two sisters also survive the father, both living in Toronto, Mrs. H. Ferguson and Mrs. T. C. Maunders. George Baker of Gormley, was a half-brother of the deceased, while Alvin Farmer, Gormley, was also a near relative. Eli Honsberger's wife was a sister of Alvin Farmer's father. The deceased was also a brother-in-law to Mrs. George Honsberger, a patient in the Brierbush here where she has been confined for several years.

Two half-sisters of the deceased living are Mrs. Lewis Doner, Richmond Hill, and Miss Mary Baker, Gormley.

The funeral on Friday afternoon came from Toronto to Heise Hill church and cemetery for service and interment.

EASTER CANTATA

Stouffville United Church Choir will present an Easter Cantata this Friday evening, supplemented by an organ recital by Mr. A. Ridley.