

NEW TOWN TAX RATE DOWN ONE MILL

Will Build More Sidewalks If Labour is Available

\$1000 Debenture Paid Off School Account for Drop in Tax Rate

The tax rate for the Village of Stouffville was struck last week for the year 1943 at one mill less than that which prevailed last year. The 1943 rate is 35 mills, of which the Ontario government rebates one mill, leaving a net rate of 34 mills.

The drop of one mill is chiefly accounted for by the fact that a debenture on the school of \$1000 per annum was paid off a year ago, while the county rate is also down \$400. Against this the local or general rate is up slightly.

The lower rate will provide ample funds for building a substantial amount of new sidewalk again this year if a contractor can be engaged to do the work, while road improvement has not been curtailed in any way. In fact it is felt that a better job was done this year than for some time in the matter of graveling, and of laying calcium for dust layer instead of oil.

Poor Mail Service for Ballantrae

Probably the poorest mail service in York county services that section of Whitchurch between Cedar Valley and Ballantrae around Lake Musselman. Part of it, at least, lies right in one of the busiest parts of the country, and while the service has long been complained about, it is to be still further reduced so that what is supposed to now be a daily service will be cut to three days a week.

The mail will now come in to Ballantrae on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and the out-going mails will be taken on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. This is not good enough for a place that regards itself as the hub of the township.

Residents at Ballantrae are asking why they cannot obtain a daily service from Stouffville since a rural route from Stouffville is now servicing within a mile and a quarter of Ballantrae.

Proper representation made to the member of the riding who happens to be the Postmaster General as well, will no doubt bring about an adjustment of the trouble at Ballantrae.

Dept. of Health Approves New Water Installation

The County of York has formally notified the village council that the bylaw creating a High School area for Stouffville has been duly passed and will come into effect on January first, it was learned at the regular meeting of council held last week, and presided over by Reeve Weldon.

It was also learned that a new map of the town had been completed by the H.E.P.C. which was ordered by the council some time ago.

Margison & Babcock, engineers, reported that they had received the approval of the Department of Health at Queen's Park for the new water works installation. The resignation of John Quibell as Sanitary and Weed Inspector was received and accepted. He will be replaced by L. Lownsborough who is now on the job.

Reeve Weldon presented his warrant calling for an election to be held to fill the vacancy due to the death of J. H. Silverthorn. The election bylaw was passed setting Friday, July 23 as nomination date, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., in the Municipal Hall, and if more candidates than one qualify for the position, then the election will be held one week later.

It was decided to build more sidewalks this summer if a contractor can be secured to do the work.

A number of small accounts were ordered paid on motion of Councillors Ratcliff and Boyd, while the account of \$843.92 for current supplied the town for the month of May was also passed.

The bylaw striking the tax rate was left over for a special meeting on Friday night, and reported elsewhere in this issue.

15 BLOOD DONORS

About fifteen blood donors from Stouffville submitted themselves at the clinic in Markham on Tuesday afternoon. The local baker says there is nothing in the report that a darned needle was used on him to pierce the outer defences of fat, which is just a story of the pranksters who said that Charlie Dadson called for his mamma when he became dizzy after the blood donation. A westender likewise was supposed to have said, "where's that whiskey you promised?" Aside from a bit of fun, the Stouffville district has done a fine thing in the number of citizens offering blood. The next clinic, we understand, will be for women and girls.

East York Liberals Strong for McConnell

H. J. McConnell was chosen as Liberal provincial candidate for East York at a convention last week which riding includes Stouffville and Markham township.

Harry Johnson, general secretary of the Ontario Liberal association, saw the convention's choice as "a good omen." "In choosing the 1937 candidate to represent you again indicates you were satisfied with the fight he put up," Mr. Johnson remarked. Mr. McConnell was defeated by George S. Henry in 1937, but pulled the Conservative majority down to less than 300 votes.

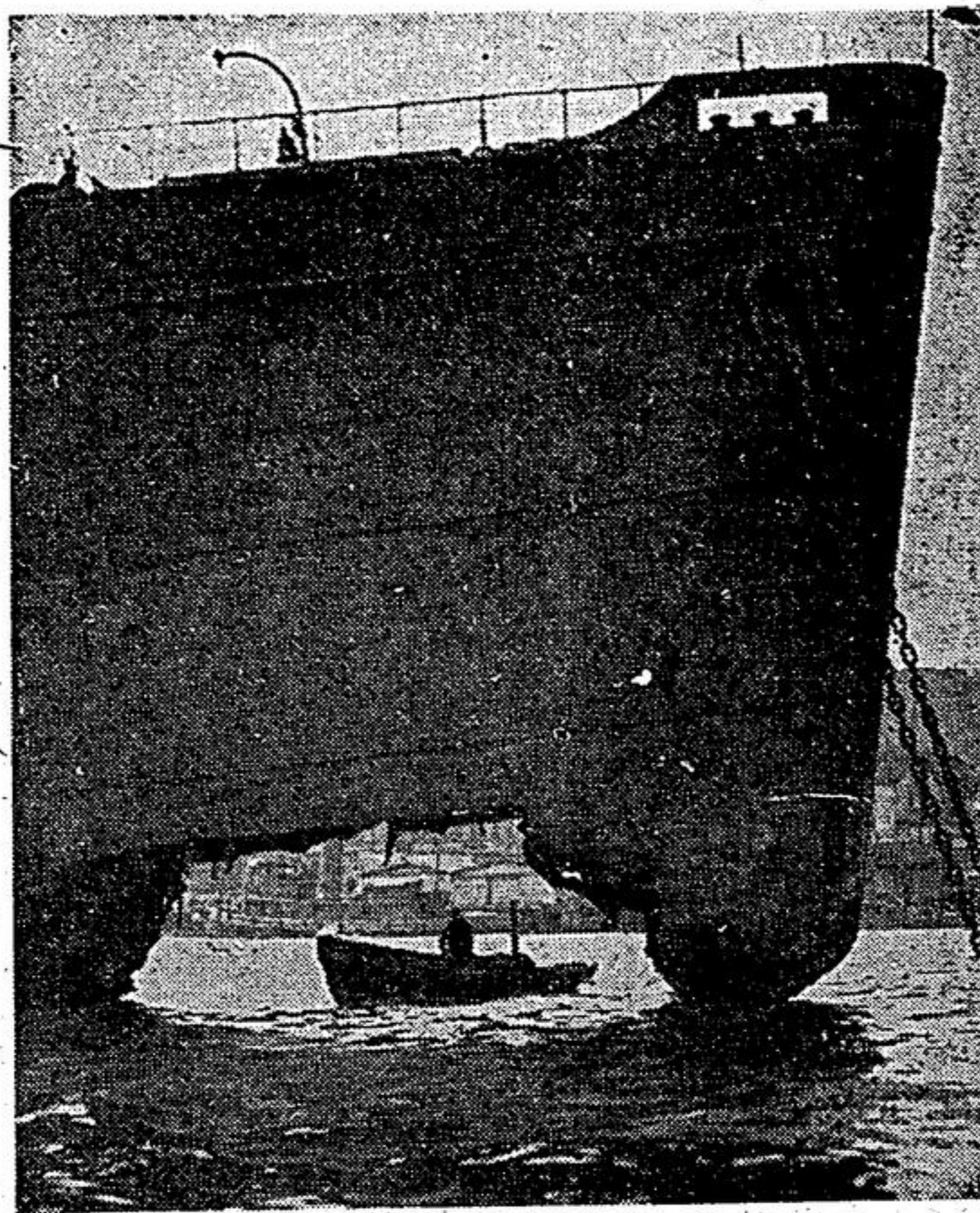
Mr. McConnell pledged his support of Mr. Nixon. He also told of his record as a member of the Flying Corps in the great war.

"I know a lot about the soldier question," he said. "There are a lot of things we can do before our men and women come back from the war, such as legislation for hospitalization and health insurance.

"This time we will not allow them to be exploited by people with no real interest in them," Mr. McConnell added. "Schools will offer the returned men training in a trade for which they are best suited."

T. Harry Sanders of Scarborough township council, and Archie F. Blake, a member of East York council for the past three years, were also nominees, but withdrew to make the choice of Mr. McConnell unanimous.

TORPEDO TUNNEL



The torpedo hole in the bow of this United Nations freighter makes a novel short cut for water taxis shuttling across an east coast Canadian harbor. The ship started to sink after the submarine scored, then righted itself and was saved by the crew.

GOODWOOD HOME OF "RAILWAY FAMILY"

One of five brothers to follow their father the late James Davey of Goodwood, in the railway business, Peter H. Davey, Toronto, night car supervisor for the T.T.C., gave up his post last week. Mr. Davey, now 70, had been with the street railway for 46 years and 10 months, rising steadily until he reached his present boss position which he so faithfully filled for some years. He was presented with a silver badge which carries lifetime free transportation on the T.T.C. cars, also an address and a lovely dressing gown.

It is interesting to note that five of the sons of the veteran railway man at Goodwood followed in the father's footsteps, and that one of them is our own E. J. Davey, Stouffville, who is a railway pensioner. Another brother in Palmerston served 49 years on the railway. The father, it is recalled, helped to build the last 25 miles of the old Nipissing railway back in about 1872. Few families can show a finer record of service throughout Canada than the Davey family have contributed to the railway institution of this country.

BIRTH

KNOX—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, July 4th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. John Knox, Claremont, a daughter, Minnie Patricia.

LEWIS—At Altona, on Monday, July 5th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis, a son.

Town Council Riled Over Possible "Community Pests"

At a municipal council meeting this month the advisability of passing a strong resolution of protest to be sent to the local members of parliament, the Unemployment Commission, and other bodies, against the spectacle that has prevailed in this town for about three weeks, of young men sent out by the Unemployment Commission, who are charged with harassing small business places, and prodding around to ascertain if some occasional workman has escaped obtaining an unemployment book.

The council was told that these men had actually threatened some business firms, by indicating that the present period of ranging about town was only one of instruction, and that they would return later in a more sterner manner, indicating that the axe would fall on the heads of possible offenders.

Said Reeve Weldon, "I think it is a shame that in this time of manpower shortage, when at least one of our businessmen has had to close

WHITCHURCH FARM SOLD TO NEWMARKET RESIDENT

Thirty-six years on the farm north of Musselman's Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vaughan have sold their 50 acre place to Mr. Ken Lunny of Newmarket, who takes possession this fall. Mr. Lunny bought the property, buildings and crop as of October 1st, and the sale price overall is reported to be \$4,000.

The property, known as the Badgero place has been steadily improved by Mr. Vaughan, and makes a highly attractive home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan may move to Stouffville, but it all depends on whether they can buy a place that suits and obtain possession.

LAKE RESIDENTS WANT DUST LAYER

This paper is in receipt of several protests from campers at Lake Musselman, because dust layer or oil is not put on the roadway at Musselman's. They contend that as campers and residents only a couple of months, winter snow shovelling and schools are of no immediate value to them, yet they pay their portion in taxation, and should be given dust layer to make it more liveable around the summer resort.

The council of Whitchurch adopted the plan this year of not putting dust layer on the roads at all, but will supply it to ratepayers at \$1.00 per bag if they care to buy it and place it on the public roadway. The offer stands for campers and farmers alike.

Mrs. J. A. Johnston and baby daughter of Hamilton, are holidaying at the Johnston and Foote homes here.

Atha Farmer Wins \$100 Victory Bond on Holiday

Wee Miss of Two Pounds Born Here

Probably the tiniest baby ever born in Stouffville arrived at the Brierbush Hospital here on June 29th, a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Underwood of King Edward avenue, Toronto. The little miss weighed just two pounds, two ounces, quite strong enough to coo, and possessed perfectly good lungs.

A specially constructed incubator was rushed from the Sick Children's in Toronto, and the wee cherub placed therein and taken to the city for special care and attention. "Perfectly normal and altogether a lovely child," declared the attending doctor, who couldn't account for the almost unprecedented smallness of the babe. The doctor indicated that the child would probably do very well, and would grow to a healthy youngster.

Two pounds, two ounces shatters the various record for small babies born in the local institution made five years ago when a mother gave birth to a babe weighing three pounds. That child is now a healthy thriving youngster, looking forward to school days.

The Underwoods are camping at Lake Musselman.

Miss Janet and Donald Hope of Milliken, visited over the holiday with their aunt, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mill street.

1200 People Jam Arena for Dominion Day Show

J. Harold Johnson, farmer on the 5th concession of Pickering was the lucky winner of the \$100 Victory Bond, given away at the big Lions Club concert in Stouffville on July 1.

"I'd forgotten all about the ticket, until neighbors phoned up that night and told me I'd won it," Mr. Johnson told The Tribune. This is the third such draw that Mr. Johnson has won, while his brother has been equally as lucky, having won a car at Newmarket, about ten years ago. The lucky number was 45, being one of the first tickets sold.

Mr. Roy Smith, Bethesda, merchant, won the second draw, a wind-breaker, donated by the Jack Fraser Stores of Toronto.

Some 1200 people jammed into the arena for the concert headlined by Lee and Sandra, star dance team from Toronto, and were fully entertained for two hours, and supplied with refreshments at a booth set up for the purpose.

Dominion Day passed quietly in Stouffville, the farming community making full use of the fine weather to "make hay". The war has practically made any form of afternoon sports prohibitive, while the obtaining of talent for the evening show was too, a most difficult task.

The receipts totalled approximately \$450, which after expenses are paid will leave a tidy sum for the Lions (Old Welfare Work.

Mr. A. McDowell Ridley found this year's program the biggest task yet, since all such entertainers are engaged in military camps.

Distinguished Guest Speaks to Junior Farmer Gathering

Guest of Unionville Junior Farmers Club on Monday evening at the Markham Township Hall, John Bracken, leader of the Progressive-Conservative party, was greeted by a packed house. It was generally regretted that the Club had not secured the Crosby rink, since hundreds of people did not even try to gain admission knowing how limited the space would be.

Until Canada plans an economy to maintain a peaceful prosperity comparable to that of wartime, such undertaking as the social security scheme will be impossible, John Bracken, Progressive Conservative Leader, declared at Unionville on Monday night.

"Do you think you would be able to pay 2,000 million dollars for social security when you couldn't afford one-fiftieth of that amount for relief purposes during the pre-war years?" asked Mr. Bracken. "I suggest you will never be able to do it if you're as hard up after the war as you were before it. The burden of taxes was heavy enough without such a load as that, and it has only been with the war-created prosperity that you have been able to pay the increased taxes of the present time."

The moral being taught at the present time, apart from the war and plans for permanent peace, was that prosperity and security could be created, Mr. Bracken declared, and the common people were realizing that the economic system was able to function to provide them with work even though it was for destructive purposes. It was necessary, he declared, to recognize these facts and display the courage and will-power to make the same economics provide the same prosperities during peacetime.

After the war, he said, there will be a world of potential plenty, with science and mechanization, two servants which have been prostituted during war, ready to serve.

Mr. Bracken urged the young farmers to recognize the value of organization. He told them that farmers throughout Canada were at last "getting together" because they recognized that the value of one united voice far outweighed that of a thousand disunited voices.

After he had accepted the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party, he said, he had felt it necessary to learn something of Canada's problems, as hitherto he had devoted most of his time and consideration to those of Manitoba.

ARRESTED BY R.C.M.P.



R. A. IRWIN

Divisional Registrar R. A. Irwin, East York, was arrested Tuesday by the Mounties, with Robert Allen, former member of the Ontario Legislature, N. Stephen who is seeking a Liberal nomination in Toronto, St. Patrick's riding, all charged with conspiracy connected with National Selective Service. Stephen's brother was also arrested on the same charge.

Crosier Families Gather at Altona

The 12th annual reunion of the Crosier family was held on Saturday, July 3rd, 1943, at the home of David Crosier, "Pon-Veu", Altona. Those in attendance numbered 67, representing Crosier families from Stratford, Stayner, Toronto, Seagrave, Uxbridge, Port Perry and Stouffville.

The afternoon program of sports was much enjoyed. A picnic supper was served by the refreshment committee. Mr. and Mrs. George Prentice of Port Perry were the oldest couple in attendance and Murray Prentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prentice of Uxbridge R.R. the youngest present.

Mr. David Crosier was elected the president for another year, and Miss Sybil Wilson, Trenton, sec-treas.

It was decided to hold the 1944 reunion at the same place.