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How Will Hydro Rate in Claremont, Goodwood and Gormley be Affected?

Service Charge Eliminated for Farmers, with Government Paying Loss, if any, to the Commission.

Unification of the existing 20 rural power districts, elimination of the service charge to farmers, reduced service charge to all other hamlets such as Claremont, Gormley, Goodwood and Unionville, and a uniform kilowatt hour rate for all rural electrical service throughout Ontario will become effective January 1st next.

The new rate structure will provide substantial benefits to many scores of users, but in places we have mentioned very low rates are enjoyed now hence there will be little material change. Most hamlets we have mentioned will enjoy only a slight downward revision. Farmer users may expect to benefit more noticeably.

According to the Hydro Commission the new rate structure will provide substantial benefits to the majority of the 130,000 rural consumers in the province, with 97 per cent of farm consumers and 98 per cent of consumers in hamlets receiving lower Hydro bills. Based on the amount of power used during the month, the new rate will be 4 cents per kilowatt-hour for the first kilowatt-hour block of energy used; 1.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for the second kilowatt-hour block; and 0.75 cent for all remaining consumption.

While it is estimated the total annual revenue from rural consumers will be reduced by more than a half-million dollars, the Ontario Government has undertaken to reimburse the Hydro-Electric Commission for any financial deficit resulting from adoption of the new rate schedules.

Greater Operating Efficiency Under the present system of rural operation, each rural power district is operated as a separate unit and each has its own set of rates, whereas the amalgamation of all districts into a single provincial rural power district, with one standard set of rates and one balance sheet, permits of more efficient operating and accounting practice and more economical administration. Similarly, the reclassification of the present eleven service customer classes into five clearly defined classes (2-wire lighting; 3-wire lighting; farm; commercial; and summer cottages) greatly simplifies the problem of customer classification and billing.

Only a very small percentage of farmers and hamlet consumers will receive no rate reductions, these consumers being in areas which already enjoy very low kilowatt-hour rates. Summer cottagers will pay approximately the same as at present, but a new system of billing has been arranged which will be more convenient for this class of consumer.

Under the new rate structure, service to a standard or average farm will be supplied at 4 cents per kilowatt-hour for the first block of 50 kilowatt-hour; 1.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for the second block of 180 kilowatt-hour; with a third rate of 0.75 cent for all remaining monthly consumption. The farm service charge has been entirely removed.

A minimum bill of \$2.25 gross will be adopted for the standard farm, while for larger farms the Commission has devised suitable blocks of power and minimum bills—all subject to a discount of 10 per cent for prompt payment.

In the case of hamlet or small lighting consumers, the service charge has been reduced to 55 cents per month. The promotional rates will be 5 cents per kilowatt-hour for the first block of 40 kilowatt-hour; 1.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for the second block of 80 kilowatt-hour; and a third rate of 0.75 cent for all remaining monthly consumption.

The minimum bill for this type of service will be \$1.50 gross. Suitable blocks of kilowatt-hours and minimum bills have likewise been established for larger lighting consumers in rural areas—all subject to the 10 per cent prompt payment discount.

NORTH YORK PLOWMEN ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

W. H. Smith, Gormley, living on the third concession of Whitchurch, was elected president of the North York Plowing Match, and R. E. Ratcliff was returned as secretary of the Association and Win. Timbers, treas. The annual meeting was held at the home of Walter Wood, Aurora. Frank Marriot and Edward Logan are the vice presidents.

BIRTHS

CARTER—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Brougham, the gift of a daughter.

MARSHMAN — At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshman, a son (premature).

ANY TIME IS "TEA TIME," FOR CANADIAN IN SCOTLAND.



Kenneth David Stewart, son of Mr. Adam Stewart of Goodwood, gives a different "slant" on the canny "Scott" to what a lot of people profess to have. Ken, who recently arrived in England with the R.C.N.V.R., according to a cable received by his wife, has been visiting in Scotland and in his own words says, "Any time is tea time" when a Canadian visits a Scottish home. Ken was married last summer to Eleanor Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conner, who live four miles west of Stouffville.

VISITS CHEMICAL DISPLAYS IN U.S.A.

Mr. Bruce Rowbotham of Cornwall has just returned from a week in the U.S.A. Bruce divided his time in attendance at the big Chemical Exposition in Madison Square Gardens, New York City, and the Chemical Convention at Roanoke, W. Virginia.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the South Ontario Plowmen's Association was held on Monday evening at Brooklin when officers for next year were elected as follows:

Hon. Pres.—John Scott. Pres.—Bert. Dobson, Reach Tp. Vice-presidents—Herbert Downis, Harold Haynes. Sec'y-treas.—W. S. Croxall, Brooklin. Auditors—Harold Jones, Wm. Morrison.

In Family 38 Years Moyer Farm Sold

One of the most desirable homes in north Markham was sold last week when Mr. Harvey Moyer disposed of his 91 acre place at Dickson Hill which was purchased by his father 38 years ago. The previous owner was A. Kyler.

The new owner Mr. Gerald Gamble of Lindsay, will take possession the middle of March next. While a resident of Lindsay, Mr. Gamble is a chartered accountant and will reside on his farm, going to and from Toronto to work. According to a friend of the new owner the sale price of \$15,000 was paid since the property was just what he wanted and with its well appointed buildings was a reasonable value.

Thirty years ago Mr. H a r v e y Moyer married and settled in the substantial stone house built there in 1861. Since that time never a year passed but that some improvement was added to the premises. The fine stone residence with its sweeping entrance hall, big open fire grate and spacious rooms, with all the other improvements such as hydro for lighting and cooking, running water, bath, and hot water heating, brings to the place everything, modern city homes possess, but with an outward rural view that the city residence cannot give.

The stabling is hydro lighted too, running water and other conveniences are noted, built up over this period of 30 years of active life of two young people with a vision, who are compelled through lack of good health and labor shortage to part with the place. The land is what is known as early, and can be worked in the spring far ahead of many surrounding properties.

We understand the new owner is a breeder of Guernsey cattle and registered hogs and will bring some of his home bred animals with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Moyer are expected to locate in Stouffville where a warm welcome awaits them.

Charge of Theft Against Local Farm Manager Dismissed

A General Session jury, under Judge J. B. Coleman at Whitty last week returned a verdict of not guilty in the charge of theft against Glen Flowers, one-time manager on the farm of D. G. Roy near Claremont. The jury just took 15 minutes to arrive at a verdict.

Flowers was defended by A. W. S. Greer of Oshawa and was charged with the theft of \$97.50, money received from the sale of poultry. Roy and Flowers recently were in Division Court at Brougham when Roy was the defendant in a case brought by John Norton for the sale of gasoline, etc., to Roy much of which was bought through the farm manager, Flowers. Roy denied that Flowers had authority to buy supplies after a certain date. Most of the supplies had been purchased before the time and Roy was required to pay the account sued for, less the amount of one item.

In the present case several witnesses were heard. A. W. S. Greer of Oshawa, appearing for the accused while Crown Attorney A. F. Annis prosecuted.

The alleged theft arose out of the sale by accused, who was manager of a farm near Claremont for Roy, of a number of chickens at the price of \$97.50 which was not turned over to Roy, but which accused claimed was spent on feed and other supplies for the farm, although, it was alleged, no proper bookkeeping record of it had been kept. Cheque was made out to Flowers by the purchaser, one Gordon Hodgson, and cashed by Flowers at a Claremont bank. The case is quite involved.

The first witness to be called was Gordon Hodgson, who lives near Claremont. In addition to his usual farm work he dealt in the buying and selling of chickens, he testified. On or about the 20th of May he received a telephone call from Glen Flowers asking him if he would be interested in buying some chickens, the witness said that he was and shortly afterwards he went over to the Roy Farm and bought the chickens for which he paid by cheque \$97.50, giving the cheque to Mrs. Glen Flowers, as Mr. Flowers was not in at that time. He made the cheque payable to Glen Flowers on the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Claremont, and two or three weeks later, he bought another batch of chickens, for which he paid \$182.60. This time, however the cheque was made out to Mr. Roy, the owner of the farm.

A. W. S. Greer, defence counsel: "Mr. Hodgson, as you have explained to the jury and His Honor, you are in business and you do buy chickens and hens, and I put it to you this way. There was nothing out of the ordinary in this transaction with Mr. Flowers whatsoever, and it was an ordinary business transaction, there was no secrecy or underhandness and no hush policy was adopted," to which the witness answered that everything had been handled in an ordinary business manner and there was no secrecy whatsoever about the sale, and admitted the second batch of chickens, which he purchased for \$182.60 was the same type of a transaction.

Miss Margaret Wallace, clerk at the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Claremont, was next called. Crown Attorney A. F. Annis showed her a cheque as an exhibit, which he asked her if she had cashed for the accused, to which question she answered yes. Counsel for defence asked the witness why the cheque had been endorsed on the back twice, to which Miss Wallace answered that the spelling had included two "n's" and that the first signature was rather ink blurred and that it was the usual bank custom to have it re-signed if there was any doubt as to the correctness or visibility of the signature of the endorser.

Robert G. Roy, owner of the farm and chicken business, was the next witness to be called. To Crown Attorney Annis, Mr. Roy stated that he was a retired business man from Toronto, and was now in the farming business, and had owned this farm situated about one mile from the village of Claremont, for some six years. He further stated that in February, he found himself without any help at the farm and he advertised for a farm manager, who was experienced in running a chicken farm, which advertisement Glen Flowers answered, and after being interviewed by him, he started to work on the farm.

Glen Flowers he said, was given the authority to purchase feed grain, etc., for the feeding of the animals, and on week-ends or at a time, when Mr. Roy was at the farm he would make a settlement with Mr. Flowers with regard to any accounts. However, it was brought out that no proper bookkeeping was carried out, (continued on page 7)

New Classes For Horse Show Here Next Tuesday

The Stouffville Horse Show on Tuesday of next week, Dec. 21st, in connection with the Christmas market day, promises to bring out a string of animals never seen here before. The committee has rearranged the classes so that there will be a better distribution of prize money, which in all totals over \$130. There is no entry fee.

There will be a special class for best mare or gelding, also two classes for heavy and light draught teams with four prizes in each class. Then there will be an amateur class for teams, a class for 2-year-old filly or gelding, and a class for youngsters, animals a year or under. If you refer to the market display adv. you may read the details.

The committee in charge of this feature of the market is composed of Harry Paisley, Hugh Boyd, Jos. Cooney, George Millard and Lloyd Turner, secretary-treasurer. Any information asked for will be gladly furnished by the committee in charge.

The Stouffville Women's Institute will furnish light lunch in Ratcliff's hall, where there is ample accommodation for visitors to rest or ponder over the lunch table.

Col. J. H. Laurie Milk Inspector Dead

Native of Agincourt and well known throughout the township of Whitchurch, Lt.-Col. Joseph H. Laurie, M.C. of the dairy farm inspection board of the Dept. of Public Health and assistant to the city director of food control, died suddenly in his 55th year, last week at his home in Toronto. His inspection duties took



Lt.-Col. J. H. Lawrie

him many times to Whitchurch where he became acquainted with so many of the milk shippers in the district. Lt.-Col. Laurie was a brother of Mrs. D. J. Tran of Atha.

Widely known in veteran circles, he was chief officer of the Civic Employers War Veterans' Association, and other similar organizations. He had a distinguished military career. From 1911 to 1914 he served in the Brant Dragoons and was an officer in France and Germany before and after the armistice. He served as a Lieut.-Col. and as a Major in the G.G.B.G. Col. Laurie was a Past Master in the Masonic order.

Besides his wife and daughter, Mrs. Richard White (Jeanne), three brothers and four sisters survive. These brothers are Herbert of London, William of Kingsville, Gordon of Montreal, and four sisters, Miss Anne Laurie of London, Mrs. James Barclay of Belleville, Mrs. Robert Fleming of Markham, and Mrs. David Tran, east of Stouffville.

Honorary pall bearers at the funeral on Monday which gave full military and civic honors were: Lt.-Col. G. Dudley Thomas, officer commanding G.G.G. (Res.). Col. R. Y. Eaton, Col. the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Col. J. E. L. Streight, Lt.-Col. R. F. Locke, Col. W. W. Dennison, Lt.-Col. W. W. Forsyth, Lt.-Col. William E. Ogden and Lt.-Col. A. E. S. Thompson. "Last Post" and Revellie" were sounded at the graveside by Trumpet Major J. MacDonald.

LOSES A MOTHER

Mr. Leslie Wilson, westend garageman, was summoned to Toronto last weekend owing to the death of his mother, Mrs. Florence E. Wilson, who passed away at the Western Hospital following a severe illness. Survivors are two sons, Leslie and George. The funeral on Monday afternoon proceeded to Prospect cemetery for interment. The sympathy of his town friends is extended to Mr. Wilson in the passing of one so dear to him.

Commissioner Stringer Investigates Conduct of Whitchurch Police Chief

WINGED AT HAGERSVILLE



Ted Cadioux, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cadioux of Stouffville, who was one of a group of airmen who received their pilots' wings at graduation ceremonies held at No. 16 S.F.T.S. Hagersville on Friday.

STORES OPEN NEXT WEEK

The Stores in Stouffville will be open Tuesday to Friday evenings next week, so Christmas shoppers can take advantage of the evenings to shop if they find it more suitable than the daytime.

WITH FERRY COMMAND

Bob Lawrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lawrie of Markham, and popular young hockey player in these parts a few years back, has graduated from a western Canada R.C.A.F. training centre and will be attached to the Ferry Command. Two brothers, Ernie and Harold are also in service.

UNIONVILLE FARM SOLD

Mrs. Janet Mauder of Toronto, last week purchased from Ambrose C. Comiskey the 100 acres at Unionville owned by him for \$12,500. The property adjoins Unionville and has a colonial style house, and some valuable wooded land.

Markham Fair Board Burns the Mortgage

An interesting chapter was written into the records of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society on Tuesday evening when the officers, members, and friends, witnessed the burning of the mortgage that stood around \$3,500 at one time. The ceremony was held in the Tremont House, Markham. President John Scott called on the veteran Peter Reesor to touch the match, while M. F. Cockburn, regulated the draft on the vessel that held the ashes, and R. H. Crosby, the efficient secretary for 24 years and R. S. Ward, treasurer, gave some interesting facts relative to early history of the society. Hon. G. S. Henry led the process-

ion. The mortgage had been ordered by the chief of York County force to return the machines to the court, but ignored the order contending the chief constable had no authority to issue the order.



President John Scott of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, popular Claremont farmer, who presided at the "burning of the mortgage" on Tuesday evening.

in response to a request from a business men's meeting, council asked the reeve to issue a proclamation proclaiming, Monday, Dec. 27th as "Boxing Day," and a public holiday, thus giving a really long weekend over Christmas. Councillor Walter Brillinger, Councillor A. V. Nolan, and Reeve Waldon were the only members present, and this just made the quorum. A number of year end accounts were passed for payment.

Charging that a member of the York County police force had approached him not to lay a charge against a certain individual possessing slot machines, Constable Robert Windsor in court at Newmarket on Tuesday, defended his own conduct before an investigation being carried on by Commissioner W. H. Stringer.

The court was convened under Commissioner Stringer to investigate into the conduct of Constable Robert Windsor of policing the township of Whitchurch. It is understood that the case arose over the failure of Windsor to deliver to the court or some other official body certain slot machines seized at Musselman's Lake. Whitchurch township council had "backed" Windsor in his stand and had appealed to the Attorney General's Dept.

The investigation lasted all day Tuesday and was adjourned until Thursday. Mr. L. R. MacTavish of the Attorney General's Dept. questioned the witnesses.

First witness called was Reeve George Leary who testified that three slot machines had been seized at Davey's last summer by Constable Windsor in the employ of Whitchurch council. They were taken to Windsor's and locked up, he stated, and in later questioning said Windsor was an efficient officer and his policing of the township was adequate.

N. L. Matthews complained as a witness that he was not being consulted by Windsor in the cases he brought to court. Mr. Matthews is the crown attorney, but in this case was a witness.

Other witnesses were examined, chief of which was Constable Windsor who said he didn't consider the county force had any jurisdiction over him. If he needed outside help he calls on them. He told of seizing 3 slot machines and seven pin balls games at Davey's, Musselman's Lake, early last summer. He laid a charge and obtained a conviction.

Windsor then named a county constable who on July 11 "came to see me." He asked if Windsor had any slot machines and received an affirmative answer. Said Windsor: "He asked me if I would not lay a charge because a friend of his has just started in business and had only five or six machines." Windsor's answer was that he would consider it.

Windsor didn't know who the friend was at that time, but said he later learned it to be one Hamet of Newmarket. The county constable also came to see me, said the witness, with one Segli. They had liquor, and an effort was made to make a deal, presumably for the release of the slot machines in possession of Windsor. "I wouldn't make a deal," said Windsor. He further stated that he was offered \$75 for the release of the machines.

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LAD EXAMINES EXPLOSIVES MOST PARTS OF TWO FINGERS

Eldon Yake, 15-year-old son of Mr. Bert Yake, Bethesda, lost part of the first finger and thumb, both at knuckle joint, on his left hand one day last week, when a detonation cap exploded. The lad found the cap under the home premises and was making an examination or something, it was said, to see what the cap would do. It exploded almost in his face, and while he received a crack in the forehead, the serious damage was done to his hand. He was taken to the Newmarket hospital for treatment. The explosives were purchased by the father of the boy a long time ago.

Asks for Pool Room License

A request from The Village Inn for a pool room license was received by the municipal council last week at the final meeting of the year, but since there was just a mere quorum on hand, the matter was left over for the new council to deal with. Mr. Holden asked for a license for one table which is \$25.

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