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Whitchurch Nomination Smallest Attended in Past Twenty-five Years

Old Council Returned by Acclamation

The smallest attendance in 25 years turned out for the nomination meeting in Whitchurch on Monday. Only a handful of ratepayers were on hand when the nomination closed and Clerk John Crawford announced that only the old council was nominated. They are:

Reeve—George Leary.
Deputy Reeve—Lorne P. Evans.
Councillors—Edward Logan, Eugene Baker, and L. J. Harper.
Mr. Leary said he viewed the small attendance as an indication that the council was approved by the people, or the shortage of gasoline and the help problem may have had something to do with it. He referred to county matters in general, and received a cordial hearing. Taxes were stationary except, perhaps, in some school sections where a bus service had been inaugurated. One of these cases was around Gormley where five sections had engaged a bus to take the students to Stouffville High School. The cost is \$1500 per year, half paid by the Department and the balance divided between the sections, being \$300 per section.

He said the municipality had been fortunate this past year with hospitalization costs, running \$662, since often double this amount had to be paid out some years.

Mr. Evans, appointed to the County Agricultural Committee explained some of its work. He strongly supported the idea of a tax of one-fifth of a mill on all farmers to create a fund to be used in promoting the farmer rights in the country. "Unless we have funds to promote our interests, we cannot hope to get any place," declared the speaker.

Any farmer who objected to the assessment could be removed from the small tax, which on a \$5,000 assessment only amounts to \$1. Application had been made through his committee, he said, for 18 spraying machines for delivery next spring.

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REEVE O. B. HEISEY GETS ACCLAMATION

Reeve O. B. Heisey was returned by acclamation in Markham village on Monday despite previous threats that there would be a contest for the position. Frank Burkholder, an old Stouffville boy, was nominated, but did not qualify for the fight.

There will be a contest for seats on council between W. J. Payne, Chas. W. Reesor, Edward Reeve, Edwin A. Roffey, John S. Torrance and Frank Tunney.

MRS. HOLDEN WAS 78

One of our west end citizens who is more than active for her years is Mrs. Truman Holden who will observe her 78th birthday on Dec. 31st. Besides her usual household duties Mrs. Holden made the Christmas pudding and baked homemade bread for the festive season celebrated at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Ridout. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Holden has five grandsons serving in the war. Fred is a mechanic with the Eighth Army in Italy; Victor stationed at Yarmouth, N.S.; both sons of Arthur Holden; Mervyn Gillion, training as a pilot, stationed at Trenton, son of Mrs. Maurice Gillion; and Harry and Murray Holden with the Royal Canadian Navy stationed at Cornwallis, N. S.; sons of Delbert Holden. Incidentally, if you know Freddie Holden, you may recognize him as one of the motor cyclists in a picture at the Stanley Theatre this week.

MOTHER DESTROYED FAMILY OF TWELVE

Just like a Christmas box came twelve little piggies for Mr. Ed. Williams residing on the north end of Mill street. Mother and youngsters seemed happy to be acquainted, but without warning and when Mr. Williams was not present the mother destroyed the entire family. The old pig decided suddenly on the second day that she didn't want to rear a family.

Musselman's Lake People Testify in Slot Machine Case

On the third day of the investigation conducted by Commissioner W. H. Stringer and L. R. MacTavish of the Attorney General's Department into the method of policing in Whitchurch Township, four more witnesses gave testimony concerning the three slot-machines which Constable Robert Windsor of Whitchurch had seized in a raid on Davies' Dance Hall in July, and which although ordered by Crown Attorney McFadden to be handed over to York City police, he refused to give up as he believed they would eventually be returned to the operator although they had been judged illegal in magistrate's court at the time of the conviction. At a previous hearing Constable Windsor said that everything he had done had been in order to bring on an investigation to expose the "gang" who had been bribing the police.

George E. Davies, Whitchurch township, operator of a summer resort at Musselman's Lake admitted that the three slot-machines which were referred to during the investigation and which were seized and held by Constable Windsor had been taken in a raid in July of this year. He explained that as a result of a deal with a man named Johnnie Hamilton, the slot machines and pin-ball machines had been installed after July first of this year.

"You knew these machines were illegal?" "We didn't know then and I don't know now how the slot-machines come under the law."

"Did you ever seek legal advice?" "No, I didn't."

Mr. Davies went on to say that Mr. Hamilton left it more or less up to his (Mr. Davies' judgment as to whether they were legal or illegal. He said that he had had the pin ball machines, which were legal, on his premises for five or six years and that they were installed by Sam Minz of Toronto.

"Well, then, who paid the fine in the event of conviction?" "I paid the fine," stated Mr. Davies. He went on to say that he had been fined \$100 and costs of \$13 by the court, eighty per cent of which he had been reimbursed by Mr. Hamilton immediately after the trial.

How was it he gave you 80 per cent rather than one hundred per cent," asked Mr. MacTavish.

"I don't remember at the time. I still think that I am to get the balance," replied the witness. Asked if Mr. Hamilton had expected to get the machines back after the case appeared in court, Mr. Davies said that he did not know about that as he had not had any conversation with Mr. Hamilton after the conviction.

Referring to the time when the slot machines were installed in his premises, Mr. MacTavish asked the witness if he was led to believe that his premises would be raided, to which the latter replied, "yes, something was said at the time between May and July that it would not be raided." He then stated that he was convinced that the machines were legal.

Asked if he were ever led to believe the place was "fixed" by the police, Mr. Davies replied that he was never given this impression.

Asked if he were acquainted with Constable Watt and Constable Windsor, the witness stated that he knew both officers, but denied seeking advice from either of them concerning the slot-machines.

"At the time of the raid it was the height of the season," Mr. Davies said. Asked if he knew how much money there would be in the slot-machines at the time they were seized by the police, Mr. Davies replied that he could only guess at the amount.

"Following the trial did you have any conversation with Mr. Hamilton about the machines?"

"Yes, he wanted to put the slot machines back and I said I wouldn't do it." "Was it the slot machines he wanted you to put in?"

"Do you know anything about the rumor told the commission that something must be wrong in connection with the law enforcement regarding slot-machines?" asked Mr. MacTavish.

"What I can't understand is why it is allowed in one place to operate

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Markham Cop Subdues Vicious Thief with Billy After Lengthy Struggle

SPENDS CHRISTMAS IN SWITZERLAND

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas received a most welcome Christmas gift on Dec. 24th, in the form of a letter from their son Flying Officer Jas. Thomas. It



Flying Officer James Thomas

had been written on Oct. 2nd. Flying Officer Thomas was shot down over France on the night of Feb. 13th, while piloting a heavy bomber on a raiding mission, and has been in Switzerland for some time where he is believed to be interned. This is the first letter his parents have received, as he explains it is only now they have been permitted by the authorities to write. He told of having sent a number of cables but had received no replies until the latest ones sent in September. The others had not been received by his people here. Flying officer Thomas told of his approaching marriage to Miss Frances Rogers, R.N. of England. Miss Rogers, like himself, is having an enforced holiday in Switzerland due to a broken leg sustained in a skiing accident just at the time war broke out. He spoke of enjoying his stay and of hoping to do considerable skiing this winter.

Markham Council Acclaimed Without Opposition

As was anticipated, there will be no election in Markham township next Monday, since the 1943 municipal council was returned on Monday by acclamation. Only one other name other than members of the old council was placed in nomination, that of Mr. Win. Timbers, who congratulated the council on their accomplishments in the past year, and said he would not be a candidate since his name was the only one placed in nomination outside the old council. About 50 ratepayers were present, indicating a lack of interest or more likely complete satisfaction with the work of the council.

Reeve Hooper thanked the electors for a second acclamation as head of the municipality. He said the township showed a balanced budget for the current year, despite a war with its mounting costs, and school costs running wild. He noted a decrease in secondary school attendance. Hospitalization, too he said was downward.

Seventeen Miles Snow Fencing Deputy-reeve W. L. Clark referred to problems of past years, such as bridges, and now its snow removal and dust layer. There are 17 miles of fencing in the township in which \$9,000 is invested. The township gave dust layer without charge to those living close to traffic roads, so we are spending more than the cost of putting up one big bridge in one year. Speaking about hospitalization he said these institutions are asking more for indigent patients. One of the most important committees in the county this next year will be Agriculture, he said. "I ask you, is \$12 for hogs on a parity with the

price of binder twine?" Post war reconstruction in agriculture must be given its proper place and its proper share of the national income, Mr. Clark declared.

Councillors Speak Councillor Reuben Stiver referred to the curfew issue for Unionville, thanked Mr. Roberts for foresight in buying a gravel pit that is serving the township, and the electors for returning him to his seat on the council.

As a newcomer to the municipal board Councillor Dalton Rumney said he saw a lot of holes in township roads this year that he never saw before. He told of the demonstration weed spraying, but said it would be too costly to down the roadside weeds this way at present. It was up to every man to keep the weeds cut in front of his own farm until labor shortage is over. He reminded the meeting that council had provided a building for the snow plow and for the mechanic to work in. Trying to start the big plow outside was no good, he said.

Councillor Albert Reesor said it was a poor policy to lower taxes at this time when more dust layer as a stabilizer was needed on the roads. Mr. Reesor said the financial standing of the township was good, and he was pleased to emphasize this. Like all the other speakers he thanked his mover and seconder for placing his name in nomination.

Clerk Chas. Hoover was requested to act as chairman for the meeting, one of more than usual quiet, and over which a good spirit was manifested.

A RARE HOLSTEIN

Holstein men should keep their eye on Capt. Roy Brown, the so-called city farmer at Bethesda. Capt. Brown had a visit from the R.O.P. inspector the day before Christmas and one of his Holstein animals gave a milk test of 6.5. It was her first test, and the inspector made a second test to make sure he had made no error. The cow under R.O.P. is freshened for the third time, hence has a long life ahead and may be heard from in the future. Holstein tests of 4.5 are highly satisfactory, and not too common.

QUIET IN SCOTT TWP.

Scott Township returned the old municipal council by acclamation on Monday.

Election in Uxbridge Twp.

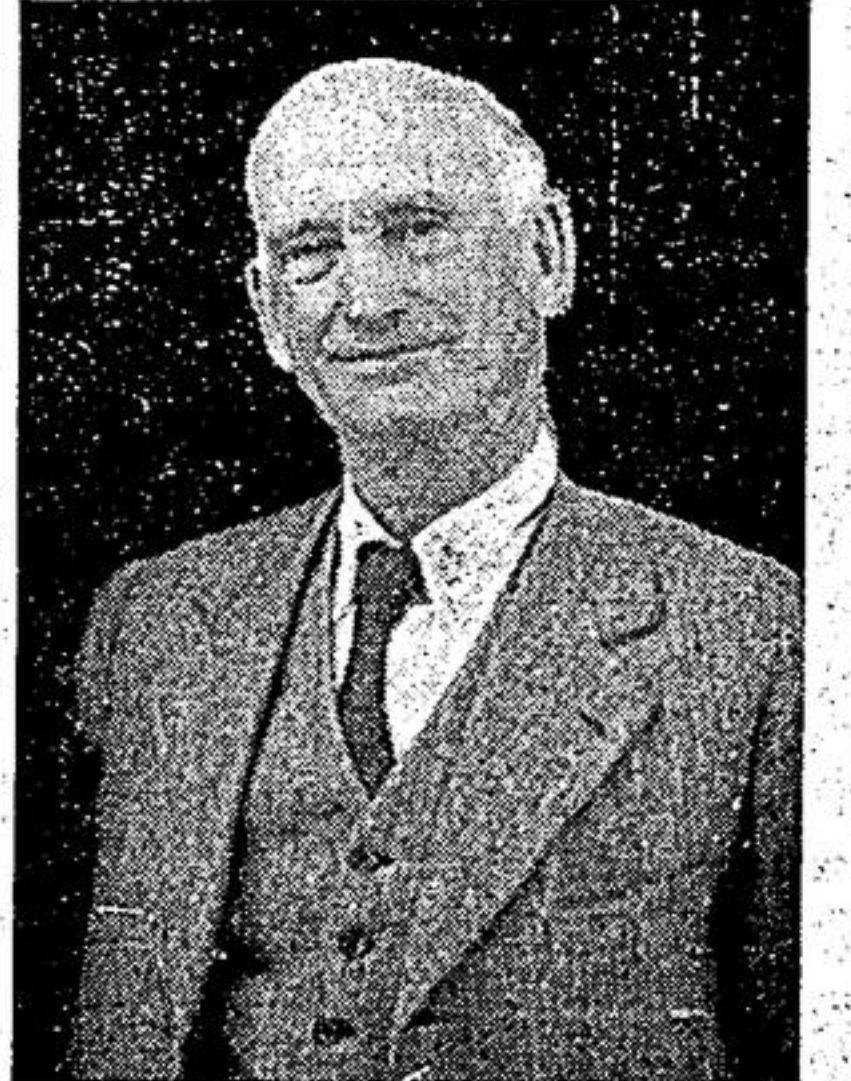
The township of Uxbridge provides the only election in the local area, and there will be a contest for the position of reeve and for seats on the council. Former Councillor John M. Rae was given an acclamation for Deputy Reeve.

The fight for reeve is between Edgar Johnson and Walter Beach. Mr. Johnson was reeve last year, while Mr. Beach was deputy reeve.

For three seats on the council four are seeking election, Walter Ball and Harold Dickinson who served last year, and Fred Middleton and Isaac Catherwood.

Bert Tindall and Walter Davis were nominated, but refused to qualify. Mr. Beach also received a nomination for his old position as deputy reeve, but he felt a step up was due, and that his opponent, reeve for two or three terms, had stated at the last council meeting that he would not contest the seat.

Reeves Acclaimed



Warden Wm. Reesor, reeve of Pickering Township, and all his old council were returned by acclamation on Monday. There was a strong feeling that this body of men were familiar with the problems of the township brought about by the acquisition of Ajax and would be better fitted to finish the job.



CHAS HOOPER

Reeve Chas. Hooper of Markham Township, champions the cause of the farmer in York County Council and gets a hearing. The ratepayers are sending him back by acclamation for another year.



GEORGE H. LEARY

George H. Leary and his fellow Councillors were accorded an acclamation in Whitchurch on Monday. It is Mr. Leary's second acclamation as Reeve, and he says he's beginning to like it.