

## Bracken Party Seeks Out Former Warden Earl Toole

The Progressive Conservatives of North York riding will meet in convention at Newmarket on Saturday, February 5 to choose a candidate for the federal election whenever that may be. Prominent among the names mentioned for choice of the convention is that of Earl Toole, warden of York County in 1942, and for six years the popular reeve of Whitchurch Township.

J.D. Sibbald, associate president, who announced the convention, will also allow his own name to go before the convention, while others mentioned are Rev. Geo. Dix, George Elliot, former reeve of North York Township.

If the Conservative party are fortunate enough to choose C. E. Toole for their candidate, it would shake the last root loose that the Liberals hold in the constituency. Mr. Toole is not only a practical farmer, but an able debater and a strong advocate of the farm principles which the common farmer is in need of. His formidable opponent of course will be Col. W. P. Mulock, while a C.C.F. candidate will be chosen on Saturday, January 29th.

Mr. Toole has been a known admirer of Hon. John Bracken, and his farm program, and should he be persuaded to carry the battle for Mr. Bracken, he will certainly hold it high.



HUGE LEMON GROWN AT RINGWOOD ON DISPLAY

Many are admiring the two lemon trees in Roy Grove's store, Ringwood, with their 3 ripe and 2 green lemons, also blossom buds forming. The one ripe lemon measures 6 inches long by 13 inches by 15 inches around. This is the largest lemon that either of these trees has produced. The oldest of these two trees was purchased from Wm. Rennie, Toronto seed house about 30 years ago, and has been bearing fruit since that time.

## Dr. G. Steele was Born at Lemonville

Dr. Gilmour J. Steele, 56, a former chairman of the Toronto board of education, died Sunday at his residence, Castle Frank Drive, Toronto. Born at Lemonville, a son of the village merchant, he graduated in dentistry from the University of Toronto in 1908. Later he went into business and at the time of his death was president of Standard Brick Co. Ltd. and Steele Coal Co.

During the last war Dr. Steele was a registrar in the national registration organization. He was also engaged in the manufacture of munitions.

Dr. Steele was past president of the Canadian Congress club, former president of Builders' Exchange and Construction association, former chairman Canadian Lumbermen's Credit association and a member of Rosedale United church, Riverdale Lodge, A.F. and A.M., Independent Order of Forester and the Knights of Pythias. Surviving are his widow and a son, Gordon, on the staff of Malvern college.

Mrs. V. C. Terry, Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. Christie Armstrong last week.

## Only One Pool License To be Issued in Future

The municipal council on Friday evening passed a bylaw forbidding the issuing of more than one billiard room license in town. Reeve Weldon said he had the bylaw prepared by a solicitor, and in answer to a question concerning only one license said it would not conflict with licenses now in force, but would prevent any second license being issued in future. The new bylaw also empowers the council to regulate the number of tables that may be operated.

The license fee was not changed from that previously in force which set the first table at \$25 per year, second table \$15, and additional tables \$10 each.

Councillor Nolan asked the members to give consideration to some post-war project, such as a music hall or community hall, and to provide land for the purpose, so such a scheme could be carried out when work would be hard to find. He said the Government would pay a liberal share of an undertaking. Mr. Nolan quoted a price for which a suitable hall site could be purchased, and Councillor Boyd said the price should be whittled by \$100.

Council thereupon left the matter with Mr. Boyd until next meeting and in the meantime he will obtain the best possible price, acting through Solicitor F. L. Button.

## CONTRIBUTIONS NON-RESISTANT GROUP REPORTED

The Mennonite non-resistant group report recently made available for the current year, shows some impressive figures, that should be made public. This organization set up back in 1939 has raised a total cash sum of \$116,440.21, which has been used to relieve suffering in the less fortunate parts of the world under allied control.

The group also contributed clothing to the value of \$36,115.29, to make a grand total contribution of \$154,541. Many of the Mennonite groups in this part of Ontario are supporters of this fund, and will be interested in the figures showing their united efforts.

**NAME WARREN YORK WARDEN**  
John Warren, Reeve of East York Township for the past 10 years and for seven years before that a member of the High School Board, was chosen Warden of York County by unanimous vote of his fellow-councillors in County Chambers yesterday. He succeeds J. S. Osborne.

Ida Stanbury, daughter of Thos. Stanbury, formerly of Claremont, died in Peterboro Monday.

## SCHOOL MEETING CONVENES WITH SHOT-GUN ON DESK

When they were unsuccessful in formulating a trustee board for the Cashel school on the 6th concession of Markham at the statutory meeting, a second gathering was summoned last week, and the ratepayers were mighty curious when as they assembled to find a shot gun lying across the desk of the chairman.

The chairman of the meeting confessed that he didn't anticipate any trouble wherein he would need the weapon placed on the table, and the matter was only explained when the caretaker of the building, Mr. Herb. Spofford stepped in and claimed the shooting iron, saying he had been out hunting, and called around to get the school ready for the meeting. Not realizing how it would look, he laid the weapon on the table and went about his work. Everybody felt better after the explanation.

After an unsuccessful attempt to get two trustees at the first meeting, this second gathering secured Hugh Boyd and Archie Fleming. Ed. Nigh who is moving to Stouffville had resigned and George Hoover declined to serve any longer since he had put in six years.

## TO OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A delightful elderly couple living south of Claremont, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pegg, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary day on Monday, Jan. 24th, when a number of relatives and friends will mark the occasion at the Pegg home.

The couple are enjoying good health although Mr. Pegg will be 80 in March next. He is a native of Whitchurch Township, being born on the farm at Church Hill where his half brother Herbert resides.

## Mrs. Hennessey Dies in 54th Year

The death of Mrs. Jas. Hennessey at her home at Vandorf, occurred on Tuesday morning. Last November she underwent a major operation, but was believed to be growing in strength. Mrs. Hennessey was only in her 54th year and is survived by her husband, three sons, Howard, and Lawrence at home, and Jack in the army and now stationed at Prince Rupert. There is one daughter Velma also at home.

The late Mrs. Hennessey whose maiden name was Mary Luella Cooney was born in Whitchurch, and was a member of a well known family. Her three brothers are Joseph of Stouffville, Jim in the army, and Brother Danian of St. John's school, Toronto. Five sisters are Mrs. Kenny, Newark; Mrs. Stoddard, Toronto; Mrs. Opsal, Montreal; Misses Blanch and Etoyl both in the city.

The funeral will proceed from the late home at Vandorf on Saturday to St. John's R.C. church, Newmarket for Requiem mass at 10.30. Interment in St. John's cemetery.

## BEAVERTON GETS WARDENSHIP ONTARIO COUNTY

Dr. C. Devine, reeve of Beaverton, was elected warden of Ontario county on Monday. He was accorded an acclamation when Reeve James Blanchard of Cannington, dropped from the contest.

## Attempted Robbery at Markham Firm

Robbers attempted to steal the big safe in the Marmill plant in Markham on Tuesday night. It was pushed from its moorings to a place near the outer door, but the thieves could get it no farther, and gave up the effort. The safe was not opened.

Papers valuable only to the company and a small amount of cash is all it contained. The papers are formulas, and would not benefit the sneaks that broke into the office.

While the robbers were at work, employees of the plant on the night shift on the second floor were all unaware of what was happening in the office below.

Mrs. Alex. Grubin has gone to a rest home in Toronto, to recuperate falling health, and it is expected that such a holiday will restore her to good health again.

## INSTRUCTOR WITH R.C.A.F.



Gordon R. Birkett, son of Mr. Thos. Birkett of Stouffville, is a corporal with the R.C.A.F. and having completed a course as wireless instructor is now stationed at Montreal. Gordon was born in Claremont, enlisted in March 1942. He was associated with his father in the insurance business here prior to enlisting.

## Goodwood to Get July 12 Celebration

At a special meeting of the executives of the Loyal Orange Association for North Ontario held at Derryville last week, an invitation from Goodwood was accepted to hold the annual 12th of July Walk in that village. It is probably 35 years since the Orangemen last walked in old Goodwood, and at that time two hotels flourished in the community. Eating accommodation was not a problem then, for both hotels served large crowds while a special tent was dishing up all you could eat for 25c.

In 1944 the situation will be different, of course. There will be no hotel refreshments whatever, and there may be no meals served at all you can at any price whatever. It is planned to have the crowd bring their picnic lunch, and it is likely the War Workers or Institute may serve some meals or light lunches on the grounds.

Mr. Walter Todd is Worshipful Master of Goodwood Orange Lodge, and will call the brethren together shortly in order to lay plans for the coming event.

## Investigate Charge of Shooting Deer in Markham Twp.

Farmers in the Cashel district of Markham were quite resentful this week when a report was circulated that a deer had been shot when the animal took haven on the farm of Mr. Fred Carruthers. The story was that the deer was shot by a Toronto hunter within 20 rods of the Carruthers doorstep.

The Deputy Minister of Game and Fisheries was notified by the township authorities, and he came out immediately and ordered the animal taken to the city where examination was made to determine whether the animal was actually shot or injured itself while escaping from dogs.

No one heard any shot fired, whereas had a gun been fired that close to a farm home, it should have been heard. However, censure of the hunters who are known to be out that day should be withheld until the facts are ascertained.

The animal had been in the locality for some time and more than one farmer tells of getting very close to it, since it was inclined to herd up with stock around the barns.

Another story that a second deer had been shot on the 4th of Markham near the Patterson farm, could not be confirmed and probably is not true.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lotton, Claremont, wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Marion Violet to Francis Ellwood Badgero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Badgero of Stouffville. The marriage will take place quietly on January 29th.

## Real Estate Boom Brings Clamour for Houses in Town

### Several Business Premises Also Change Hands—Housing Shortage Acute

Never for a long time has there been such a scramble for houses in Stouffville. Places that have been on the market for a long time are finding buyers, and very good prices are being received.

Since the sale of the John Phillips house reported in our last issue, three more homes have found new owners.

Mrs. M.E. Watts has sold the brick residence on Main street west and known as the Boynton home, to Mr. Ed. Nigh of the sixth concession of Markham, who will retire from the farm this spring. The place is now tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Forsyth who will have the legal period to find other premises.

The former John Ratcliff home at corner of Main and Albert streets was sold a few days ago by the Ratcliff estate to George E. Pugh of Pickering.

Dr. H. B. Freil has sold his residence at the south end of O'Brien avenue to Pilot Officer Reg. Button who has tenanted the place for more than a year.

Mr. Henry Heise of the Groceteria has purchased the William Watson house one door east of Baker's garage. Miss Hazel Bacon on the public school staff now occupies the place which belongs to her mother. Mr. Wellington Lehman brother of the late Mrs. Watson, also made his home there. It has been in the family for 17 years.

Some interesting business transactions are also in the making or have been concluded. Mr. Clayt, Baker has purchased the building next the public library and owned and operated by Mr. Heise, proprietor of the Groceteria. Ultimately the place will be modelled into a modern dairy with a basement added at the rear. The Groceteria in turn will move nearer the centre of the business section and become a renter instead of an owner.

The present dairy building which will be available for new owners is rumored to likely become a telephone office, but we have no authority for saying that a deal has been

### STATIONED AT GUELPH



Harry Pennock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Pennock of Stouffville, who enlisted with the R.C.A.F. last spring and is at present stationed at Guelph, having completed a course with the medical service. Prior to enlisting he was employed for many years by The Tribune.

Fact is, the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co. have been looking into some such proposition as the desire grows for a ground floor location. The present dairy premises offers much of the facilities which the officers of the B. & S. Co. hope to incorporate in any building they buy.

Another business change of interest is the sale of the Frank Baker garage building to Mr. Walter Atkinson, distributor for the Imperial Oil Co. Mr. Atkinson will move here from Belleville about the first of the month or as soon as he can get possession of the residence over the garage for living quarters. He has purchased the building and the implement business from Mr. Baker, but not the garage which Mr. Haley will carry on as heretofore. Mr. Atkinson is well known here through his Imperial Oil connection. Mr. Baker will retire from active business, he says.

## Ton of Stolen Butter is Recovered in Toronto

Following the theft of nearly a ton of butter from the Stouffville Creamery early last Friday morning, three arrests were made in Toronto over the weekend, and most of the butter recovered. Two brothers giving the name of Taylor, and a man named Quinn, were taken into custody and remanded until January 24th.

One of the Taylors is a young fellow and he made a confession in which he unfolded the whole robbery, but the two older men will not talk, and admit no part in the affair.

Police are inclined to believe the story by the Taylor boy since it fits into other facts they possessed. The lad said the trio stole a car from a private home in the city, drove to Stouffville intending to rob the creamery office, but after forcing an entry through a window they found nothing of value in the creamery office. Going down stairs they saw the butter, decided to force the creamery garage and after taking out a truck, and filling the tank with gasoline from the creamery pumps, they loaded the boxed butter and drove it to Toronto. It was hidden in a garage, and the truck taken out into the country and left. The stolen car was even returned to its rightful owner. Imagine the perplexity of the car owner who found his car with wires crossed had been out during the night, but the gas tank was fuller than he had left it. The Taylor boy said they filled it at the creamery.

Police came upon the whole discovery by accident. Mr. Borinsky, proprietor of the creamery, was told. Arresting young Taylor in connection with another robbery, he up and disclosed the creamery affair which led the police to the garage where the butter was stored by the thieves. Since the creamery was robbed



Here is a very good picture of Flying Officer Albert Shank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Shank, Markham, whose death was reported in detail in our last issue.

Miss Margaret Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Del. Jennings, has joined the local post office staff to make up the shortage caused by the resignation Mrs. W. Slack, an obliging clerk for the past few years.

Last May no money has been left in the office, and it was fortunate that the night the robbers broke in last week, the amount of butter was not large, barely a ton, whereas much greater tonnage is often on hand.

Value of the butter stolen is placed at about \$700, which is covered by insurance. As a result of this final robbery Stouffville will be asked to call a meeting of the business men to discuss the advisability of better night protection for the merchants. Some advocate a night patrol, others a burglary alarm system.