

Council Promises a New Hall Site Now

Private Citizens, Fire Brigade, Lions Club, Urge Immediate Action

At a special meeting of the village council on Tuesday evening, Chief Del Jennings of the Stouffville Fire Brigade presented a petition signed by himself and endorsed by members of the brigade imploring council to prepare now with a new site for a hall and thereby finally remove any possible chance of a catastrophe from fire that the brigade says now exists in the Ratcliff hall.

tune of past years respecting fire was no guarantee for the future." Reeve Weldon thanked the delegates and said it rather made council feel more secure to have such important backing, and looked for unanimous support by council on taking immediate action for a hall site. A vote was then taken, moved by Councillors W. Brillinger and A. V. Nolan instructing the solicitor to close on an offer received for the sale of the Andersen lot to the town on Main street.

Freel and Thompson for School Board

The annual bylaw appointing town officers for the village indicates at least one new face on the school board. Under the new set-up with a High School Board the village council appoints two members to that body, and have chosen Dr. H. B. Freel, who retired from the trustee board of last year, and Mr. A. G. Thompson, manager of the Bank of Commerce. Both these men have had wide experience, Dr. Freel being former chairman of the local board, and Mr. Thompson served for years on the board at Campbellford prior to moving to Stouffville.

Rev. D. Davis was placed on the Library Board for a term of three years, while Councillors R.E. Brown and Hugh Boyd were given places on the Park committee. A. V. Nolan was returned to membership on the Board of Health, and Earl Keith will again be pound keeper. The Sanitary Inspector, Lou Lowndsbrough was reappointed. Reeve Weldon presided over the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Clubine Enjoy Sixtieth Wedding Day



Ninety years of age and his wife 84 with their birthdays in December, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Clubine celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary quietly at their comfortable home four miles west of Stouffville on January 21st. They were united in wedlock by the Rev. Mr. Withrow in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto. Mrs. Clubine keeps a diary and can soon put her better-half right on the correct day of something he wants to know concerning past history.

To converse with Mr. and Mrs. Clubine is like talking to a couple no more than 60 years of age. Time has dealt so leniently with them, both possessing all their faculties to a marked degree. When the scribe called the day after the memorable date, Mr. Clubine was just going to the barn to do chores. Pointing to his admiring wife Mr. Clubine said, "here is the source of my greatest happiness," and both expressed their great contentment with life which was thought was in sharp contrast with many who complain. The aged pair have a most refreshing outlook.

"We were able to pay cash for the farm," said Mr. Clubine, not in a boastful way, but in a spirit of

thankfulness that he had sought out such a splendid life-partner and the two had been blessed with good judgment and good health. Mr. Clubine worked in a saw mill when a youth, and helped cut many of the fine old virgin trees that covered the landscape of Whitchurch in those early days.

Mrs. Clubine was the former Catherine Hunt. She is busy with her housework, and Mr. Clubine does plenty of chores daily on the farm which is operated by his son. Few men at his great age possess their faculties and strength like Ezra Clubine. Both seek out the richer things offered by the radio and thoroughly enjoy wireless in their home. They have two sons, John S. Clubine, well-known chiropractor in Toronto, and Edgerton on the farm, occupying part of the spacious home with his family. One of the sad experiences of their life was the passing of their daughter, Gertrude, wife of Mr. Morgan Baker. There are nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Two grandsons are in training with the RCAF, and one is an officer in the navy. Mr. and Mrs. Clubine are probably the eldest couple, members of Markham Second Baptist Church. Both are keenly interested in world and local events. "I think The Tribune is one of the finest local papers to be found anywhere," said this grand old gentleman.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated in a rather big way, but this event ten years later was quieter. Scores of cards, beautiful flowers, and countless personal congratulations, poured in on them nevertheless.

TRAINING AT VULCAN



Kenneth Burkholder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Burkholder who is training at Vulcan, Alberta, with the R.C.A.F. Ken, attended school in Stouffville and was employed by the O'Boyle Meat Market prior to enlisting. He was also an experienced member of the Stouffville Junior Band.

CARNIVAL CANCELLED

Owing to the mild weather and consequent soft ice the Lions Carnival scheduled for Wednesday evening this week in the Stouffville Arena, has been cancelled for the present.

Refused to Free Woman on Butter Theft Charge

Found in Room with Stouffville Creamery Butter—Impresses Magistrate

Police are believed to have the guilty parties all right who made off with nearly a ton of butter from the Stouffville creamery two weeks ago, and the general public are looking on from around here hoping that an example will be made of thieves that will give them a new idea on how to make a living.

When Fred Taylor, James Taylor, Murray Quinn and Evelyn Hicken, previously charged with shopbreaking and theft of a truck, containing 1,300 pounds of butter, the property of Stouffville Creamery, appeared before Magistrate Prentice in Toronto police court on additional charges Monday, T. B. Horkins protested vigorously against continuance of the charge against Dorothy Hicken.

"There is no evidence against this woman and I believe the police know this," said Mr. Horkins, the woman's counsel. "She was merely found in the company of Taylor. Magistrate Prentice and Crown Counsel Hamn seemed impressed when she first appeared in court last week with my argument and bail for her was reduced to \$500, and granted."

"There will be no withdrawal of the charge until arraignment," said Crown Attorney F. L. Malone.

"The police know Taylor would do anything to save her from embarrassment," said Mr. Horkins.

"Of course if Taylor pleads guilty," began Mr. Malone.

"Taylor will not plead guilty," said Mannis Frankel, his counsel. "And I am not going to withdraw charges against her," said Mr. Malone.

"She was found in a room in which was stolen merchandise. I am content that bail against young Taylor be reduced to \$3,000. I wish a remand to Jan. 31."

The remand was granted.

ASKS YORK COUNTY POLICE POST

When the striking committee of York County Council, charged with recommending the personnel of the standing committees for 1944, recommended Reeve F. G. Gardiner, K.C., for the chairman of York County police committee, Reeve George H. Mitchell, North York, inquired why the Forest Hill village reeve was again named, as he has held the position for five years or more.

"Reeve Gardiner asked specially for this appointment so that he might be in a position to answer any criticism that might arise as a result of the recent inquiry into Whitchurch police matters," explained Reeve Clarence C. Downey, K.C., a member of the striking committee.

The investigation was conducted by Commissioner W. H. Stringer, of the provincial police, who during its hearings was critical of York County police administration.

Mrs. Maria Quantz, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bruce Morton, is slowly improving, her friends will be glad to learn.

SELLS BETHESDA FARM BUYS AT QUEENSVILLE

Well known 100 acre farm at Bethesda, the Ross Chapman place has been sold to Mr. C. Gibbs of Jefferson for \$6,000. The new owner will take possession on the first of March. The property has 55 acres workable, and is equipped with hydro and water in the barns.

Mr. Chapman in turn has purchased a place at Queensville, 100 acres which has no waste land whatever. It is known as the James Wright place, and is well known Jersey place. Mr. Chapman intends to enlarge his dairy herd when he moves. His farm is excellently located, close to Queensville on the pavement, and a bus connects with Newmarket for high school pupils which will be convenient too.

STOUFFVILLE BOY PRESIDENT TORONTO EAST GENERAL

At the annual meeting of the staff of the Toronto East General Hospital on January 12, Dr. G. F. R. Richardson was elected president for the ensuing year. This is an important post and we are proud that it is being held this term by an old Stouffville boy who will do honor to the position.

The hospital south wing is nearing completion, the rooms are now being plastered, next will come the fittings and furnishings. Discharged veterans will be the occupants. To be commenced shortly is the west wing for another 200 beds for civilians. Bed capacity will then be about 600, truly a great institution over which to be the presiding head.

Had Record Number at Current Blood Donor Clinic

SHOULD KNOW OUR NEIGHBOURS?

The fact that we do not know all our friends in the neighboring town of Uxbridge led to calling out the police on Monday evening to investigate a couple of men who were seen moving around the creamery in what impressed a workman there as not just right. Constable Rasmell was tipped off and soon contacted the two men at or near the local dairy premises, only to learn they were citizens of Uxbridge town interested in lockers and freezing plants.

CONSIDER BETTER NIGHT PATROL

In response to a request from business men, there will be a meeting on Friday evening at 7.30 in the Council Chambers of those interested in discussing the problem of better night patrol in town. Be on time as meeting must be completed before the Red Cross annual starts, is a warning from Reeve Weldon.

Markham Reeve Chas. Hooper County Commissioner

Reeve Charles H. Hooper of Markham Township, and Deputy-reeve J. L. Strath, New Toronto, were elected as county commissioners at last week's session of County Council. Along with Reeve John Warren, East York, chosen as warden, they will serve as the executive committee of York County for 1944.

Deputy-reeve Strath, who has served seven years on New Toronto council, was elected by acclamation



RESPONSE TO BIBLE SOCIETY BELIEVED GOOD

Mr. Lambert Stouffer reports that on behalf of the Upper Canada Bible Society are coming in remarkably well in connection with the present canvass being made in the Stouffville district. There are still several teams to report, while others have completed their work, but indications are that the total will be a worthy one for the cause.

WESTERN VISITORS

Mrs. Geo. Congo who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker returned to Montreal last Friday, where she joined her husband who is in the R.C.A.F. Mrs. Congo was accompanied by Mrs. Lena Ramer who will enjoy a holiday in the Royal city before returning home.

12,500 Blocks of Ice Cut in 13 Days

A record was established in ice cutting this winter by Carl Rose when his cutting and loading outfit delivered on the trucks some twelve thousand five hundred blocks. Ideal ice, the best in many years, and splendid weather conditions contributed to establish the record cut which was made in just thirteen days.

"Last winter was the worst ice and the hardest cutting conditions, while this winter was the best on record," said Mr. Rose in making comparisons. The blocks were 14 inches thick, all lovely clear ice.

1,300 blocks were taken from the Ratcliff spring pond on the 8th of Whitchurch, and the remainder was cut at Musselman's Lake. Trucks did all the hauling, even for the farmers who might, when the snow is deep, do their hauling by team.

It is seldom that ice cutting is started and finished in such prompt time.



This is the loading device operated by Carl Rose which with ease hauled 12,500 cakes of ice out of the water up onto waiting

while Reeve Hooper defeated Reeve Arthur Weldon of Stouffville, by a slim majority in a spirited contest.

Other County Councillors elected to various positions included: House of Refuge Commissioners: Deputy-Reeve Nelson Boylen, North York Township, and Reeve George Leary, Whitchurch Township; representatives of York County Old Age Pension Board; Deputy-Reeve Alan Wheeler, Scarborough, and Reeve Ross A. McMillan, North Gwillimbury Township; representatives to Mothers' Allowance Board: Mrs. Stanley Osborne and Deputy-Reeve C. J. Master, York Township; representatives to York County Children's Aid Society: Deputy-Reeve G. T. Manes, of Leaside, Deputy-Reeve George S. Treadway, East York, and Reeve A. D. Norris, Mimico; representative to York County Hospital Board: Deputy-Reeve H. H. Glover, North Gwillimbury; representatives to Canadian National Exhibition Board: Reeve William Neal, Richmond Hill, Reeve John Watson, Woodbridge, and representative to Royal Winter Fair: Deputy-Reeve L. J. Ross.

Ninety-Nine Have Completed Three Donations—305 Donations Given Since Inauguration.

A record number of one hundred and eleven donors contributed at the current blood clinic in Markham, 74 of these being men and 37 women. This completes a grand total of 565 donations that have been given at the local clinic since its inception.

Ninety-nine donors have now given three donations, as listed below, some completing their third in 1943, and the remainder finishing their three at the first clinic in 1944.

Completed in 1943: Alex. Allen, E. J. Appleton, Jr., Howard Atkinson, Carl Boadway, Ralph Boyd, Joe Brownsberger, E.A. Buchanan, Leonard Burkholder, W. G. Byer, Harold Carruthers, Harold Coakwell, Harvey Coathup, Glen Cole, J. A. Crichton, Ken. Deacon, Mrs. J. O. Epworth, Milne Freeman, Ben Gayman, J. Gough, Wilbert Gower, Garfield Hamilton, Elmer Hare, Harold Harper, Elliott Harrington, Charles Hooper, John Kudelka, Jack Macklin, Mrs. A. S. Maynard, Gordon Miles, Russell Miller, Lou Murphy, Clarence McDowell, Stewart McQuay, Lloyd Penny, A. J. Perry, Earl Reesor, Lewis Reesor, Simeon Reesor, Walter Reesor, W. F. Riches, A. C. Russell, Reg. Stouffer, Bert Silverthorn, H. F. Stiver, Herb. Stover, Harry Stover, Lloyd Taylor, John Timbers, Vernon Trunk, Elgin Walker, Charles Whitaker, Alvin Wideman, Harley Wideman, George Williamson, Leslie Wilson, William Young.

Completed in 1944: Jacob Baker, J. E. Brown, Ed. Brownsberger, Frank Burkholder, Walter Burkholder, Walter Drudge, Gordon Fuller, Bruce Harper, William Harper, Alfred Hill, Mrs. Edith Ingram, Aubrey Lapp, Bert Lickorish, Mrs. Minnie Matson, Gilbert McEhren, Fred McNair, John Nigh, Keith Pearce, G. E. Pollock, Fred Puckring, Ruby Reesor, Ed. Reeve, Duard Rose, Ira Rusnell, Mrs. Sid. Schmidt, Fred Spring, E. J. Stiver, Ambrose Stover, Wm. Summerfeldt, Fred Tapscott, Mervyn Tapscott, Mervyn Watts, John Whetter, Russell Wideman, Lorne Wideman, A. H. Williams.

The following letter was received by the Chairman, O. B. Heise from Dr. J. T. Phair, chairman of the National Blood Donor Committee, Canadian Red Cross:

Dear Mr. Heisey, The Canadian Red Cross Society is most appreciative of the very significant contribution made by yourself and those associated with you in the operation of the local Blood Donor Clinic during the year 1943. With the anticipated early invasion of Europe by Canadian and Allied Forces, there will be an increased demand for blood serum. The only possible way of meeting this demand is to increase the number of donations from every clinic. Therefore, at the last meeting of the National Blood Donor Committee quotas for all provinces were reviewed, and a new objective of 20,000 blood donations per week to be obtained by April 1st, 1944 was set. Frankly the situation is serious and we are leaning heavily on you in this matter.

Yours sincerely, J. T. PHAIR.

Hydro Surplus is Outstanding

Chairman of the local Hydro Committee A. V. Nolan told council Tuesday evening that Stouffville piled up one of the largest surpluses in the province in 1943, having regard to the size of our system. Surplus earnings are shown as \$3,926.66 on the year's operations, and on recommendation of the H.E.P.C. a stabilization fund will be set up where which money may be used to assure that higher rates shall not prevail after the war.

The chairman moved and Councillor Boyd seconded a resolution to set aside \$2,000 in this fund from last year's earnings. Lower hydro rates are impossible to obtain at this time, since reduced rates would lead to increased demand for current.

The chairman said that the hydro auditor pointed to Stouffville's earnings last year as outstanding in the Provincial network. The stabilization money will be invested in the victory loan, it is expected.