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## TOWN TAX RATE REDUCED THREE MILLS



**CANADIAN GIRLS HITCHHIKE 3,365 MILES**  
Barbara Green and Joan Smith, Vancouver, carried the wrench and needies as weapons on a 3,365-mile hitchhike to Toronto — but never needed them. Their report on the 30-day trip is: truck drivers know the best eating spots; Canadian motorists are gentlemen. Trip cost \$56.00.

### Council Guards Against Undesireable Shacks

No new house may now be erected in Stouffville without the proposed owner obtaining a building permit, nor shall any extensive alterations to existing buildings be made without a permit, according to a bylaw passed last week by the municipal council. "There has been more demand for a building bylaw than any other piece of legislation," said the reeve in introducing the matter.

A building inspector will be appointed and it will be his duty to see that the provisions of the bylaw are observed. They are not onerous, and probably constitute one of the shortest building bylaws in use throughout York county.

No residence shall be erected costing less than \$1500 unless it be in such a location as not to be detrimental to the district. All materials used and workmanship must be that in common use or as good material, and the workmanship shall be good common practice. Chimneys must be constructed so as not to present a fire hazard.

Where dwellings are erected on streets presently built on, such dwellings shall be in line and not closer to the street allowance than existing houses.

One of the main objects of the bylaw is to safeguard present dwellings against someone desiring to erect a shack in the locality that would tend to lower the standard of dwellings and the assessment in the area.

There has been a persistent demand for such a bylaw for years, and successive councils have given more or less consideration to enacting one, but because of the volume of material usually attempted to be placed in such a document, it was usually dropped. The present bylaw cuts through a lot of the clauses about the kind of materials and how they shall be put up to the point that reasonable good material and workmanship are required while shacks are forbidden.

Applications for permits must be filed with the village clerk, accompanied by a fee of \$2.00.

### Moving to Huron County Soon

Before the present year is out two highly respected families of the district intend to move to Huron County to make their future homes. Only this week Mr. Norman Reaman, south of Stouffville, completed the purchase of 100 acres of land in the Township of Howick, and intends to locate on his new premises this fall.

Also of interest is the moving of Rev. C. J. Cullen and his wife and family of Gormley to Huron county, a change that is to be made in the near future. Mr. Cullen will take charge of the pastoral work of Maple Grove church, and at the same time relinquish his pastoral duties at Hulse Hill Church. In connection with this change Mr. Cullen will assume a farm in Huron county in the vicinity of his work there, since it is the custom of the Tunker Brethren to engage part time ministers who are expected to support themselves by other than through the medium of a salary.

### King May be Offered North York Seat

Although Glengary constituency, near Ottawa, is regarded as a likely seat for Premier Mackenzie King to accept following his defeat in Prince Albert, there is a growing rumor that the Premier is to be offered North York, and that the member elect, Jack Smith of Richmond Hill, is ready to retire in favor of the premier who is so familiar with this historic riding in which he previously ran.

Of course, if Mr. Smith gives his consent, then the riding executive would have to be consulted. In the event of Mr. King deciding to seek a place in parliament through North York, it is believed that he would not be opposed by the Progressive-Conservatives or the C.C.F.

### Stanley Theatre Installs Latest Sound

A squad of engineers this week made a complete change of the sound and mechanical equipment at the Stanley Theatre. The Northern Electric machines newly installed are the last word in sound and will give the patrons of our local theatre the advantage of the finest entertainment.

Mr. Barnes, manager, stated that some delay in the installation of this sound equipment was experienced, owing to the fact that this machinery has come from the U. S. A.

The theatre floors are to be graced with new carpets shortly, and lighting facilities further improved.

#### ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. Archie Fleming, Unionville, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Marion Isobel, to Mr. John Harold Nigh, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Nigh, Stouffville. The wedding to take place Saturday, July 14, at 2 p.m., in Melville United Church.

### Gormley Farmer Includes Hams and Butts in Sausage, Ignored Prices Board Order

His Porkers Die Happy and are Dressed by a Pretty Young Girl, but Farmer Sent to Jail after City Hall Trial

Charged with selling pork sausage above the ceiling price on the farmers' city market, F.W. Hicks, Gormley farmer, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 or two months in jail. Following the trial at City Hall Hicks was removed to the Don Jail, where he commenced his term, but was freed the following afternoon when his wife reached the city with the \$100, the alternative to serving time.

The farmer's defence for breaking the ceiling was that he sells a special brand of sausage that has no cheap "filler" concoction, and that he even puts in the hams and butts, and had cultivated a special trade for his product. He does his own killing on his Whitchurch farm, just north of Gormley on the 4th concession. "It was through the kindness of a neighbor that I was able to go to the city and get my husband freed," said Mrs. Hicks who pointed to the condition of the farm. Weeds and tall grass everywhere. "You see," she continued, "he is the only man about the place, and he is badly needed here." Mrs. Hicks was busy with a pan of hot biscuits in the oven.

The reporter called at the farm after Hicks returned, to obtain the inside story. He found the farmer busy killing a couple of hogs and believe it or not, his sole helpmate right on the job was his daughter Jean, an attractive young miss who is doing all she can to help out the labor shortage on their farm. Jean was washing off the carcasses with hot water as they hung from the "gallows."

"Tell us, Mr. Hicks, do you claim to sell sausage made from pigs that die happy or why should you charge a price above the ceiling generally accepted by others. "Well," said the farmer, "it is this way," then he sat down, wiped his brow, and proceeded. "I refused to put any filler in my pork sausage, and they simply couldn't be sold below the price I get when all the hams and butts go right into the casing. My sausage are the pure thing."

Mr. Hicks said his price was 35 cents per pound, whereas the price set by the Wartime Prices & Trade Board ceiling is 28 cents in pork casings, or 31 in sheep casings. Hicks admitted being warned last

### MISS RUTH BADGERO SUSTAINS FRACTURED ARM

There are sure to be some disappointed girls and women with appointments at the Betty Beauty Salon in the very near future, since the proprietress Miss Ruth Badgero was unfortunate in taking a tumble in the garden on Tuesday morning, sustaining a broken left arm, which will leave her quite incapable of carrying on the hair dressing business for some weeks at least. Miss Badgero is endeavouring to contact patrons with set dates in order to make a cancellation of them.

### Borden Middleton Awarded D.F.C.

Declaring that rationing is even more severe in England since the war days than during the heat of the battle, Borden Middleton, youngest son of Mrs. Middleton and the late Luther Middleton of Brougham, writes his mother to say that he hopes soon to be enroute home. Borden is a pilot officer. He led a Spitfire plane and won the Flying Cross, but doesn't say much about the achievement. He simply states: "The Airforce Headquarters called me to London to have my photograph taken because I have been decorated, I have received three prints but they are not good." Mrs. Middleton, as her son points out in his letter, occupies a unique position, since she has her son in this war and had one in the first war. "I don't think that many mothers have had that experience," writes Borden.

### DOWN AURORA BY 9-2 SCORE

Stouffville senior hardballers pulled out their first win of the current season on Monday night in quite decisive fashion, downing Aurora 9-2.

The local nine were never in trouble and opened the game with three runs, adding to their total in every other innings. The Schell brothers, Stouffville battery, were in top form, and struck out nine opposing batters.

### Government's 50 Percent School Subsidy, Big Help

It is a long time since the rate-payers of Stouffville have experienced a real cut in taxes, due to the unavoidable steadily increasing costs of maintenance, and an always conservative tax rate. However, for 1945 things are different, and a tax rate three mills, below that paid last year has been set for the current year. The net rate is 31 mills, and the thanks is largely due to the government for assuming something like 50 per cent of the cost of education in our schools.

The tax bylaw was duly passed by the municipal council a few nights ago, showing the following rates adopted:

County purposes	3.8 mills
Village purposes	6.7 mills
Road Debuture	5.8 mills
High School debuture	2.7 mills
Public school debuture	1.3 mills
Public library	1.1 mill
Street lighting	1.7 mills
Public school maintenance	4.0 mills
High school maintenance	3.5 mills
Relief	5.0 mills
	31.0 mills

The Board of Education has set aside the sum of \$2,250 for post war development or building program at the school, the money being deposited with the Dept. of Education drawing 3 per cent per annum until such times as it is used. This will guard against higher taxes later on when perhaps money is harder to earn. The amount of \$2,250 is equal to another 3 1/2 mills had it been handed back, but the Department now permit and encourage that funds be raised ahead of the project, a thing most people will recognize as a wise way to finance.

Reeve Nolan said that four large telephone poles on the north side of Main street between Spofford's corner and Boadway's drug store would be taken down this summer when the additional new lights arrive. Modern new standards would be erected, but the style or kind of pole is not decided on until hydro lighting experts report on the matter.

Councillor E. A. Button promised to investigate one or two requests for new water services and report. Two will draw only \$2 per year each for water service, hence it will take 25 years to get back the original investment, which is a situation that causes councillors a constant headache.

It was reported that the Jupp Co. would lay the new road on O'Brien avenue in July, and that nearly all roads had been gravelled or repaired during the last few days. Those that were not done were omitted because of the constant rains preventing the full completion of the contract. These will be done just as soon as possible, under supervision of the road committee; Councillor Brown stated.

### Whitchurch Votes \$1000 to Spray Roadside Weeds

The council of Whitchurch took a forward step last week at a special meeting when \$1,000 was voted for the killing of roadside weeds and brush by means of a spraying outfit. The contract was given to a Toronto man who will come into the municipality with a spraying machine. The cost runs 6c per gallon of liquid applied plus 7c per gallon for material, or a total price of 13c per gallon.

It is roughly estimated that fully one-half the roads in the township can be covered by this contract. Council, presided over by Reeve George Leary, also accepted a petition from the cottagers at Musselman's Lake offering to pay one half the cost of oil to do two miles of roads in and around the lake. Total estimated cost is \$950 for a good grade oil that is calculated to allay the terrible dust nuisance that is plaguing the cottagers and all others who have occasion to use the lake roads. The cost per cottage will run about \$1 and will be collected in the regular way that municipal taxes are gathered, the item appearing on each tax bill in the area affected.

A decision was reached to paint all the buildings on Township property at Vandorf, including the municipal hall, community hall and other buildings.

**Camp for Girls**  
Ashunyoong can accommodate girls for junior, intermediate and senior camp. Girls interested should contact their local minister or write Miss Marion Warne, Unionville.

### Working in Kitchen as Bullet Whizzes By

To hear a bullet whizzing through the air right over her head as she was draining potatoes for the noon meal, was the startling experience of Mrs. Vincent Baker at Altona. The bullet lodged in the shoulder of a milk cow pasturing nearby, it was later discovered.

This is but one incident where irresponsible parties have been shooting off fire arms in the Altona district, since Ken Reesor had a similar experience when he heard shots and then the whizz of bullets. The offenders escaped in a car, and apparently had been out doing careless shooting. Police are investigating, because the farmers in the Altona area are incensed over the matter.

It will be recalled that last year that cattle on the Baker farm were shot by these wayfaring hunters, and an attempt to catch up with them this season is to be made in earnest.

### SENTENCE IN FATAL ACCIDENT HANDED OUT

Mr. Lew Morden paid \$100 and costs as the fine imposed on him following the recent accident reported in this paper last week. The mail courier was defended by F. L. Button, K.C. who sought successfully not to have Mr. Morden's driver's license cancelled, since it would have seriously interfered with his employment as a mail courier.

### Lost Two Brothers in War, J. Prentice Dies Near Markham

John Alexander Prentice died at his home at Brown's Corners, Scarborough, on Sunday, June 24th at the early age of 33 years, son of Garry P. Prentice, deceased, was a member of a well known family of this part of York County, his grandfather John H. being the original Prentice auctioneer of the family. John A. who just passed away married Winnifred Stonehouse of Markham and whose father Edward Stonehouse it will be remembered, died from injuries received when robbers moved against his gasoline station at Markham some years ago.

Besides his wife the late John Prentice is survived by eight children, John, James, Gordon, David, Marion, Shirley, June and Barbara. One sister Margaret survives, while two half-brothers Robert and William Prentice were both lost over enemy territory in 1943.

Interment on Wednesday afternoon was made at Melville cemetery.

### Ten of Family Mourn Loss of Father

Also Wife and 25 Grandchildren Revere Late Jacob Smith

A native of Edgeley, Vaughan Township, and a long-time resident of Markham, living on the 5th concession, Jacob Smith died at his home there following an illness which extended through last winter. Mr. Smith was a farmer, and a member of the Mennonite faith, old order. He was 75 years of age.

Born of parents whose forebears lived in Pennsylvania and migrated to Canada with the church movement of their time, Jacob when he grew to young manhood married Ella Lehman and the couple located in Markham. Besides the mother there survives ten of a family, five sons and five daughters, also 25 grandchildren. The five daughters are Misses Clare, Eva, Elizabeth, Alma and Ella. (Mrs. Josiah Steckley) of Zurich, Ont. The five sons are Joseph, Abram, John, Levi and Jacob, the latter being the Stouffville jeweller.

The funeral on Tuesday morning this week at 9.30, proceeded from the old home to the Wideman church for divine service and interment. Mr. Thomas Reesor, Markham, and Amsey Martin of Waterloo, old friends of the deceased and church leaders in the Old Order of Mennonites, conducted the services, while the pall bearers were Messrs. Willis Lehman, Allan Wideman, Roy Wideman, George Cober, Carl Reesor, Peter Steckley.