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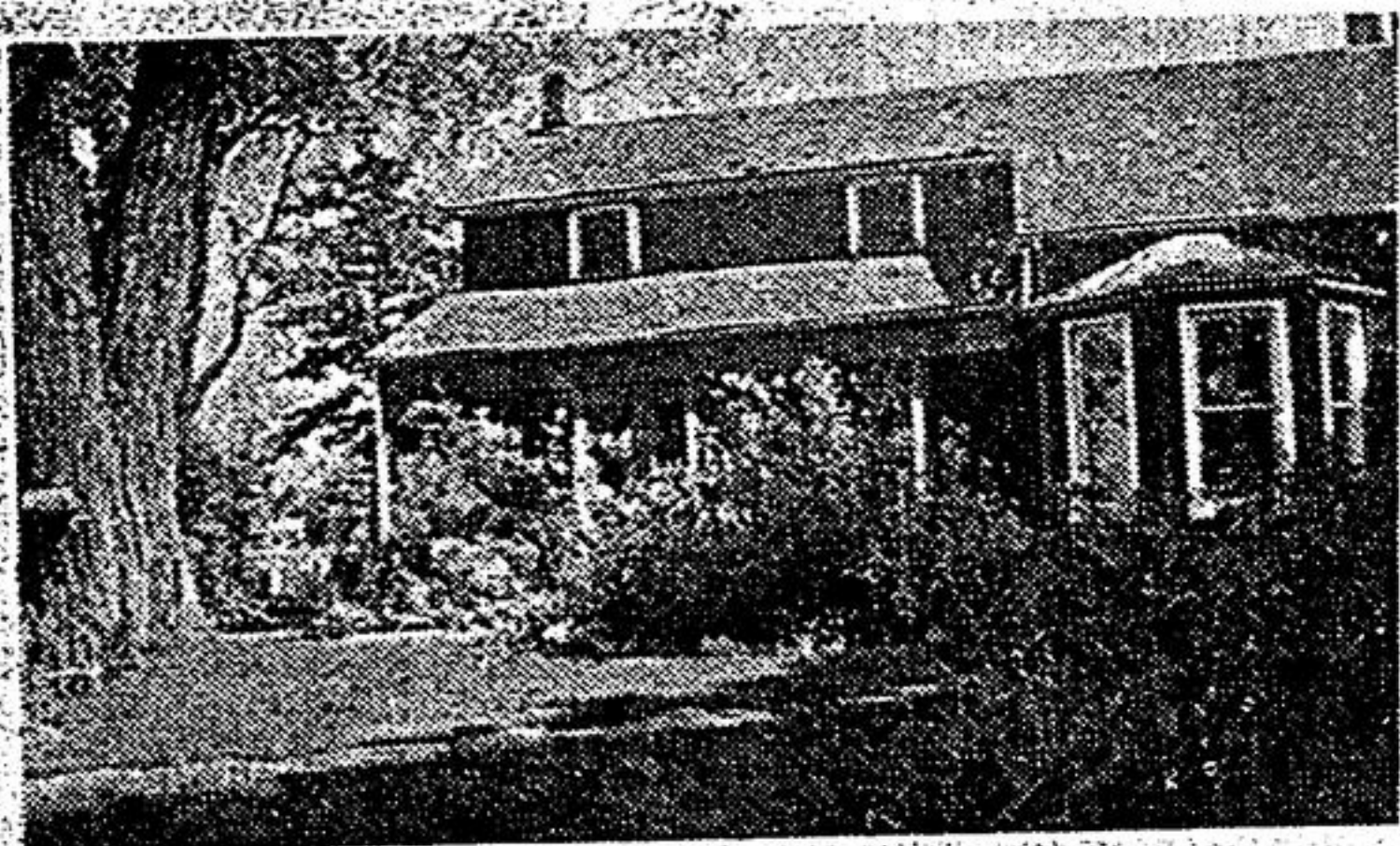
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House in Family Over 100 Years



This historic farm home just west of Stouffville has been in the Mertens family for more than a century, and the first religious group of Congregationalists met here about 1840 to organize the first church body to function in Stouffville. The farm now owned by Jos. Mertens is being offered for sale, and since immediate pos-

session can be arranged, a new owner should soon be found. The farm contains 100 acres, splendidly situated on the highway. Incidentally, it may be stated that a list of 20 other farms in the immediate district will shortly be listed that can show continuous ownership in one family for a century and more.

Bert Paisley is Victim of Current Crime Wave

Bert Paisley of Stouffville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paisley, was robbed of about \$28 in cash when attacked by a thug in Toronto. The youthful trucker had delivered his live stock at the West Toronto Market, and then had dinner at the restaurant there. With another trucker he left the eating place and walked directly to his truck nearby. His friend did the same, but had just pulled away as Bert was able to get the cab door unlocked. At that instance he felt a pair of hands around his neck, but didn't turn as he believed it to be just one of the lads he knew. However, the pressure increased, and he attempted to turn to see who his acquaintance was, when he received a violent blow in the stomach. Completely knocked out it is believed, the thug or thugs shoved their victim into the car, and there rifled his pockets, taking the wallet containing \$28 and his papers, driver's permit, etc. Since he did not see his assailant, no description could be given the police, and the incident is closed for the present, which is unfortunate.

BOND SELLING CHAMP

One of the salesmen for the 9th Victory Loan in York County, came in for distinction and that individual was Mr. H.O. Klinck of Stouffville, who carried off the prize for the special award for district "E". It was donated by the Ontario division of the National War Finance Committee. This was not all, for Mr. Klinck also won the special award representing first prize for the salesman making the best showing in the district of York North, which was a \$50 cash gift donated by Mr. Aubrey Davis, chairman of the District War Finance Committee. Mr. Klinck turned in sales amounting to a grand total of \$110,850, which has been indicated by his wins, was a feat not attained by any other salesman in the county.

Two Acres of Carrots Realize Grower \$1080

Within a short radius of Stouffville, a veritable vegetable section exists, for cabbage, carrots and turnips, which find their way to the big soup plant of the Campbell Co., through buyer Mr. R. E. Brown. This season has been one of the good ones—good crops and good prices. As evidence of this fact we cite one grower in Whitchurch who was paid \$1,080 for two acres of carrots. The producer is a Hollander who does things his own way, and really understands the growing of vegetables. For instance, this man who produces great big carrots, and lots of them to the row, wouldn't think of putting the dust fertilizer on the ground until his crop is started and up. That's the way he was taught, and he has facts to back up the wisdom of his method. Turning in the fertilizer before seeds are started, permits it to go below the seed, and thereby is not as effective for the plant to feed on, as if it is dusted on top of the ground to be worked down by the elements. It's the hard way, he explains, but it really pays. Between 25 and 30 big cars of vegetables—carrots, turnips, and cabbage have been loaded by Brown & Son this far this fall, which when added to the tonnage leaving the district by trucks for Toronto market, gives one a small idea of the vegetable production in the district. Not all the vegetables find their way to Campbell's, that are loaded at the C.N.R. for some travel long distances—especially turnips—to the New York and other U.S. markets.

Northern Power to Help Niagara

The Hydro Electric Power Commission are erecting a high power line from Barrie in Simcoe County to a new station in Scarborough, over which the northern power may be conveyed into this Niagara power district. The station in Scarborough Township will be capable of transforming the 60 watt power from the north to the 25 watt frequency in use over the Niagara service or visa versa. Thus when there is a breakdown on either system, current from the other system can be called into use. It will relieve the heavy burden now felt over the Niagara system. Large gangs of men are at work constructing the line, which will pass through Gormley, and south through Markham Township. Workmen are being housed in a cluster of huts erected at Gormley on a lot immediately south of Doner's store. A hockey meeting to appoint an executive for the Stouffville O.H.A. entry is likely to be held the fore part of next week so that these officials can meet with those of Uxbridge and other teams expected to comprise this group. Owing to Whitty drawing some players from Oshawa their entry may now be forced into B competition by the O.H.A.

Chas. Hooper Gets 10th Acclamation as Markham Reeve

For the tenth consecutive year Markham Township ratepayers have accorded Chas. Hooper an acclamation. The nomination meeting on Friday afternoon in Unionville offered no opposition whatever, and Mr. Hooper had no one nominated against him. However, there will be an election in the township just the same, for deputy reeve W. L. Clark who resigned, left a vacancy for which two councillors aspire.

Councillor Dalton Rumney of Victoria Square with three years experience on the council will contest the position with Councillor Albert Reesor who has been a councillor for eleven years, and says he would prefer to be put out rather than to rust out. Mr. Rumney says he is in the fight to the finish and will see as many of the electors as time will permit. Mr. Reesor told the meeting that he would not do any canvassing and would leave the matter to the judgment of the electors. May the best man win, was the sentiment of Mr. Reesor.

Not more than 25 ratepayers turned out to the meeting, and little interest was evinced about the situation. A former reeve W.C. Gohn explained the lack of interest when he declared that the farmers were doing well, making money, and were not concerned about the tax rate. Consequently they took no interest in municipal affairs. Mr. Hooper was the first speaker. He reviewed county matters, and then turning to Markham said the township had spent about \$44,000 this year on roads, which he thought was a new high rate of expenditure. He reminded the ratepayers that snow plowing last winter was tremendous and costly, and although roads could not be permanently kept open he took consolation in the fact that county and government roads were blocked for long periods too. Mr. Hooper said that a special effort was made to see that roads leading to auction sales, funerals and any extra-ordinary event were always open. He appreciated his tenth acclamation very much, and promised the same careful consideration to township matters as he had endeavored to give in the past.

Mr. Hooper was followed by Mr. Rumney who expressed regret at such a small attendance at nomination. "When one thinks of the thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money which we spend, it is surprising they are not more concerned about it," he declared. He referred to the purchase of a new road grader and said it was not bought before it was needed. He admitted the roads were not good and were actually going backward. With two machines, he saw where a big improvement was possible. Mr. Rumney said the township lost a good man in W.L. Clark, but in Clark's new job he had a chance to still render his township good service, said Mr. Rumney. "I've made up my mind to run for deputy reeve, and regret that if I am elected you will be putting out a good man in Albert Reesor," he said magnanimously. Mr. Reesor rose to say he would not be putting on any canvas, and that Dalton was a good fellow, and a clean contest was forecast.

Continuing Mr. Reesor said, "that as a council they were not satisfied with putting on just 5,000 yards of gravel this year. We have some years put down 11,000 yards, but it couldn't be done this year when so much was spent on snow plowing. He said that much of the time the township grader was in the hospital, and although it had gone through many operations the patient was not well, and the road program fell behind as a result.

Mr. Reesor said the new grader would be here about Christmas time, but don't get confused and think it is going to be any Christmas present. I say to you you He hoped that the \$5,000 reserve for post war work would be wisely spent, when it was decided to disperse the money. Ratepayers, he continued, make many demands, and it took a good deal of wisdom to weigh the ideas properly. "I want to be elected on my merits after eleven years as a councillor," concluded Mr. Reesor.

Stewart McQuay who was nominated for council said he had no criticism to offer, but if he became a councillor he would strive to have the weed situation handled by the road superintendent both on the roadsides and on private property. This would do away with an inspector in his opinion. He noted that wild carrot was on the increase and should be curbed with a spray. A veteran of municipal events in Markham, W.C. Gohn advocated the candidature of Leslie Cowperthwaite for councillor, since only a contest for a deputy reeve would prove a tame affair, and such men as Cowperthwaite would be an asset to the council. He attributed the small gathering to the prosperous times farmers are enjoying. "With pockets full of money they are satisfied," he concluded. W.L. Clark who resigned after 14 years in office spoke at some length, and thanked the electors for the many honors accorded him.

ACCLAIMED



Charlie Hooper Reeve of Markham Township who has just received his tenth consecutive acclamation from Markham ratepayers.

Ira Reesor Auction Totals \$8,000

Perhaps the very cold weather for the time of year actually helped to augment the crowd attending the Ira Reesor farm auction at Cedar Grove last Thursday, for it was large and went down in the pockets for \$8,000 which was the total sale receipts. Buyers were from such distant points as Hawkstone, near Orillia, Washago, and Sunderland. In fact the farm tractor sold to a man from Hawkstone for \$1260, a sum that would more than equal the price of a new machine—if you could get one. The tractor plow sold for \$177.

Old Dobbin blinked in his stall, and pricked his ears when he heard the family cutter soaring to strange prices for these seldom sought winter conveyances. But up it went \$10, \$15, \$20, and on until \$22 was reached, and the cutter knocked down to a city man who must be very fond of those lovely winter scenes that look so nice on calendars with the family around the cutter going for a Christmas sleigh ride. Perhaps, as the auctioneer suggests, someone has visions and firmly believes we are to have much snow and many snow banks to buck this winter.

The herd of grade Holsteins reached a good average, with the leading cow starting at \$171. Mr. E. H. Scott, stock editor of Farmers' Magazine, was one of the buyers. Several of the cows were sold to Mr. Evans from Lindsay. Horses generally slow at winter sales saw one animal going for \$107, while hay went at \$14 a ton, mixed grain \$1.72 1/2 per cwt. which was about top price for this fall of anything we have heard. There were 150 pullets put up in a bunch and the lot went at \$1.70 each to one buyer. In all it was a fine sale and brought real satisfaction to Mr. Reesor. Sellers & Atkinson, auctioneers, who did the selling report that everything was disposed of in just five hours. Mr. and Mrs. Reesor are leaving the farm to live in a newly acquired home at Orillia.

Gets "Hold-back" Order Great Shipment Ready for Starving Europeans

It must have been with considerable surprise that the Markham Mennonite group received word last week to cease fire as it were, in the preparation of relief supplies for overseas. Just what the trouble could be that put any delay in the efforts to rush food and supplies to the starving people of Europe is not known here, but an order came through officially to stop shipments.

The old Mennonite group in Markham of which Joseph Reesor, Ezra Grove and Allen McDowell form the committee, have put forth a splendid effort, and have two beef cattle reduced to meat for shipment in its most concentrated form, also we hear there is enough funds on hand to make purchase of still another beef animal. Five hogs have been donated and made into canned meat, but this food has not been shipped.

This, of course, is only part of the supplies prepared by this group. Over 800 jars were required for filling in this effort, and included 400 jars of concentrated soup. The group have had an eye to preparing nourishing foods that are so sorely needed. Extensive supplies of fruit and vegetables have been donated too, but they now have to be held for shipping instructions. The Central Control Committee is located in the United States, and the Ontario committee headquarters are at Kitchener.

When millions are on the verge of starvation, and such fine supplies are available, it is a pity that there should be any hold-up of shipment. CURLING MEETING All members of the Stouffville Curling Club and others interested are asked to gather at the Club House on Friday evening at 8 p.m. for a re-organization meeting. Sec'y, Walter Brillinger.

Reeve and Councillors are Returned by Acclamation, No Run for School Board

Small Crowd Turns Out to Hear Candidates Review Year's Work

Stouffville's entire municipal council was returned by acclamation at the annual nominations held on Friday evening. In the field for the reeve, two names were proposed, A.V. Nolan and A.E. Weldon, the latter withdrawing. Only four were nominated for the council seats, being the entire 1945 council: E.A. Button, Ross Brown, John Smits, and Hugh Boyd. On the Board of Education, J. W. McMullen, Lloyd Turner and Don Chadwick were returned to office, while Blake Sanders was returned as Cemetery Commissioner.

Only a small number of ratepayers attended the meeting, the inference being that the people were satisfied with the business as conducted by this year's council. With Clerk George Storey as chairman, A.V. Nolan was called on as the first speaker and dealt at some length with County matters. Mr. Nolan explained the heavy task falling on the York County Children's Aid of which he is a director. The number of children being cared for was over 900. He stated that the county road program has been considerably curtailed owing to the shortage of labor. Returning to local matters the reeve told the gathering that as in the County, municipal construction programs here had been held up due to the labor and material shortage. He cited the erection of street signs as one small accomplishment that had brought public favour and touched briefly on the newly instigated road building program.

As to the public hall situation Mr. Nolan stated that the municipal building was badly in need of repair and suggested that a proper roof be placed on the building with a small hall above which could handle small public gatherings. The reduction in mill rate was credited to the Provincial Government and it was pointed out that the taxpayers here fared most favourably in comparison with many other municipalities who returned no reduction whatsoever to the people of the fifty percent school grant.

Mr. Nolan revealed that the local Veterans' Association had proposed that the council extend them \$6000 to assist them in building a veterans' hall, and explained that if such a sum was to be raised, the ratepayers must decide the matter by a vote. He stated that he had, along with the council been invited to the Veterans' meeting to try and decide what presentation could be made by this town to her veterans which would be most suitable. The council were quite prepared to make the boys an outright grant of one mill which would be approximately \$560, without going to the people for consent.

John Smits thanked his mover and seconder for returning him to office and said that he was most interested in seeing the new street building program continued.

Ross Brown stated that the shortage of labor had curtailed the sidewalk building this past summer, but expected that such work would be resumed when these conditions became more favorable.

E.A. Button told the gathering of the improvements made at the Memorial Park this summer and stated that he felt the park was a most definite asset in the town and urged that even more money be spent on this work in the coming year.

Hugh Boyd thanked his nominators and stated that he could add little to what had already been covered by the other speakers. Returned as a member of the Board of Education for another term, Donald Chadwick reviewed the building program being carried on by the Board, and stated that the first step, the installation of the new heating plant would be fully completed within the next couple of weeks.

The other two members of the Board returned to office were not present, and Dr. H.B. Freeland, and Mr. A. G. Thompson were asked to elaborate further on the school program. Dr. Freeland stated that the building program as contemplated would be in three stages, the heating plant, now practically finished, the new washroom facilities, and lunch rooms, separate installations for each school, and third, the auditorium and gymnasium, with provision for three additional classrooms, if needed. Of this building, the government at the present time, was paying seventy percent of the cost which relieved Stouffville of any heavy financial burden. Dr. Freeland said that he favored pushing ahead with the program with all possible speed, as it was thought that the provincial powers might not be able to keep up with this heavy financial obligation of seventy percent grant.

Chairman A.G. Thompson voiced

CONSTABLE SELLS UNIONVILLE HOUSE

Constable Benj. Gayman has sold his residence in Unionville on the Kennedy road just south of the four corners to a Toronto man who will take up residence there. Although we have no formal announcement, it is understood that the township constable has his eye on another property: Mr. Gayman built the place he just sold a few years ago.

Aged Mother Lived in Whitchurch 60 Years Succumbed in 91st Year

The death of Mrs. Charles Wells at the advanced age of over 90 years, removes one of the oldest personages in Whitchurch township. Mrs. Wells passed away on Sunday evening, Nov. 25 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Lundy.



near Aurora. She had been in good health to the very end, and looked forward to her 91st birthday shortly with confidence.

Born in England, her parents came to Canada when she was an infant in arms, and in fact her first birthday was spent at sea. She settled in Whitchurch sixty years ago, and has been a widow for 33 years. Mr. and Mrs. Wells lived near Vandorf, and Mr. Wells was a teamster for the Vanorstrand saw mill there for 26 years. In those early days it was an extensive business. Of a family of nine Mrs. Wells is only survived by a sister and brother, Alfred Ranson of Tottenham, 80 years of age, and Mrs. Jack Cull of Kingston who is 76. Also surviving the aged mother in Whitchurch are three sons and one daughter. They are Alfred Wells of Uxbridge, Herbert in Toronto, and Elmer at Lemonville with whom she spent much of her time. The only daughter is Mrs. Wilfred Lundy at whose home the mother died. There are 17 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

The funeral Tuesday afternoon proceeded to Aurora cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Moddel of Wesley church, Vandorf. Ten grandsons acted as pall bearers.

Markham Township Goes to the Ballot

There will be an election in Markham township on Monday, Dec. 3rd when Albert Reesor and Dalton Rumney, two of last year's councillors, will run for the deputy reeve, a position made vacant by reason of the resignation of W. L. Clark, who has been appointed assistant road superintendent. At the same time there will be contest for the three seats on the council. R.L. Stiver will run to retain his seat, held last year, and others in the field are Stewart McQuay, Win. Timbers and Leslie Cowperthwaite. It is the duty of the ratepayers to attend the poll and mark the ballot. It is a good thing that Canada has a free ballot, and it should be exercised in our own interest.

The appreciation of the Board to the council for their co-operation in regards to the building plans. He said that times were difficult and salaries had been raised to compete with other schools. Teachers he stated were asking almost any price they wished and getting it. Nominations were as follows: for reeve, A.V. Nolan; Hugh Bannerman and Donald Chadwick; A.E. Weldon by Willis Widdifield and A.C. Davis; for council, John Smits by Hugh Bannerman; and Frank Riches; Ross Brown by A.V. Nolan and Dr. Freeland; E.A. Button by John Smits and Dr. Freeland; Hugh Boyd for school trustee; J.W. McMullen by A.V. Nolan and A.G. Thompson; Lloyd Turner by Don Chadwick and John Smits; Donald Chadwick by A.G. Thompson and Hugh Bannerman; for Cemetery Commissioner, Blake Sanders by A.V. Nolan and W.C. Brillinger.