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Elections in Municipalities Nearby Hold Spotlight

BIG FREE-FOR-ALL VILLAGE CONTEST IN MARKHAM

One of the fullest election ballots presented to the ratepayers of Markham village in many years will be in contest next Monday in the municipal elections. Reeve Frank Burkholder and X-reeve O.B. Hisey will battle for the reeve ship. Mr. Hisey came out short in their last contest, and feels that perhaps the ratepayers made some mistake that they would like to rectify.

The newspaper understands there is no outstanding platform set out by either party, and both candidates are in support of the big building program outlined for Markham high school.

In the contest for council with four to be elected, are eight candidates, including members of last year's council. The candidates are: Edward Hunt, Hugo Hall, Robt. J. McDonald, W.J. Pagne, E.A. Rophy, Chas. W. Reesor, Edward Regves, John Snowball.

School trustees elected by acclamation are Arthur E. Robinson, Murray Henderson, Russel Heaney.

TEN CANDIDATES SEEK OFFICE IN PICKERING

Ten candidates, including one lady, a member of the R.C.A.F., are seeking election in Pickering Township to the municipal council. Blake Annis who has completed one year as reeve is being opposed by Dr. N. E. McFwen, while W.H. Westney who has also seen one year as deputy-reeve is being opposed by Wm. Payne.

The three former members of council, Geo. Todd, Frank Disney and Milton Burk are seeking re-election, and their positions are being opposed by Horace Brown, and Miss Violet Swan, representing the South Pickering Ratepayers, and Jos. Bannigan, who is making his second bid for office, being unsuccessful last year.

Ice on sidewalks has been impossible to prevent in recent weeks, but a few ashes or sand works wonders in making the going safe for pedestrians. Most householders have been thoughtful enough to drop a few ashes on the walks. Thank you.

REEVE RETURNED



Uxbridge Township Council was returned by acclamation for 1946. Reeve John M. Rae shown here again heads the council. Deputy Reeve Stewart Ball, and Councillors Isaac Catherwood, Bert Tindall and John Kidd are his associates.

Safe Lifters Take Nearly \$1000 from Markham Postoffice

For the second time in less than a year, Markham Postoffice was burglarized early on Thursday morning, and the safe carried off. According to the local police the loss amounted to nearly \$1,000 in stamps and money orders.

The thieves made their entrance by using a jimmy on the north front door, smashing the glass in the parcel wicket. The safe, which was only a light affair, was removed by way of the rear entrance.

Constable Jeans stated that he was out on patrol quite late that evening and had passed the office around 2 a.m., but saw nothing amiss. The safe was recovered the following day just off the highway between Markham and Unionville. The door had been forced, but it appeared the thieves were interrupted in their work, as several sheets of stamps of large denominations were left behind.

Killing of Uxbridge Twp. Boy Believed Accidental by Police Officials

Complete Report on Uxbridge Tragedy Given to Crown — Body of Lad, 5, Found in Bush

Police investigating the shooting of five-year-old Ronald Paradine at his Uxbridge farm home have prepared a complete report which has been submitted to Crown Attorney Allin F. Annis at Oshawa. While police are inclined to believe the shooting was an accident, no official opinion will be formed until after the Crown has studied the reports, it was explained.

Inspector George McKay of provincial police, who is in charge of the investigation, said all information on the shooting is being given Mr. Annis. Dr. R. B. E. Wilson, of Uxbridge, coroner, ordered an autopsy, which was performed by Dr. J. McKinney, of Brooklin.

The Paradine farm is on the highway east of Uxbridge in what was known as the Marsh Hill swamp section. Henry R. Paradine, father of the dead boy, told of how he was attending a funeral in Uxbridge, when he was summoned home because his 5-year-old son was lost. He reached his farm to find 500 searchers organized in a hunt for his son Ronald, which ended that night (Thursday) in the finding of the body at 10 o'clock lying in deep snow up against a tree stump. The child had been killed by a bullet from a 25 rifle in a car shed close to the home. The shot was allegedly fired by a 12-year-old boy who had been staying with the Paradines.

Police investigation has revealed that the lad, panic stricken, carried his dead playmate across a field and through deep snow into a bush, where he left the body and returned to the house to report that "Ronnie had gone over to visit Russels."

Inspector George McKay of the Provincial Police, who is in charge of the investigation, said on his return to Toronto that "it would appear to be an accident." He added that the boy was being detained overnight in the Children's Shelter at Oshawa. No charge has been laid and no decision has yet been made as to what will be done. Mr. and Mrs. Paradine attended the funeral of Mrs. Paradine's sister in the afternoon and left their children in charge of Ken Peterson of Orillia, who is spending his Christmas holidays with the Paradine family.

Peterson said that Ronald and his 12-year-old companion, who had come to the Paradine farm from the Ontario Training School for Boys at Bowmanville, left to go sleigh riding about 3.30 in the afternoon.

"Thirty-five minutes later the lad returned without Ronnie and told me he had gone to visit neighbors across the road," Peterson recounted.

As the young lad had blood on his clothes, Peterson became suspicious, especially after he discovered the kiddie was not visiting the Russel family. Peterson called friends in Uxbridge and a search party was immediately organized.

By nightfall the streets of Uxbridge were deserted as every available man journeyed to the Paradine farm, three miles out of town, and joined in the search. The men paired off and had covered practically every inch of a two-mile square tract of land before the body of the little child was found in a bank of blood-soaked snow about 50 paces into the bush from the clearing.



Edward C. Logan After six years as a councillor steps up to the Deputy Reeve-ship of Whitchurch.

Acclamation in Whitchurch Lorne Evans is Reeve

With the resignation of George Leary from the reeve ship of Whitchurch, Lorne P. Evans, was elevated to the position by acclamation at the nomination meeting in Vandorf on Monday. He has served long years on the council, and was deputy reeve last year.

Councillor Ed. Logan was given an acclamation for deputy reeve, thus will make his first appearance in county council this January. The vacancy on the council caused by the advancement of these men will be filled by Fred Timbers, an entirely new man to municipal life. The other councillors are Leslie J. Harper and Ivan McLaughlin, both members last year.

The attendance at nomination was not large and the best of feeling prevailed. Little or no criticism was offered against the work done last year, and everybody seemed to be in accord with the action of the council in purchasing a new road grader, so that the municipality will now have two machines.

Mr. Leary, retiring after 17 years, spoke at some length in his final address as reeve. He was given quite an ovation when he sat down. The new reeve Mr. Evans spoke briefly, and called attention to the fact that the south townline was now a county road from Stouffville to Yonge Street, instead of being a suburban road from Stouffville to the 4th concession. The municipality would be relieved of the whole thing now, he stated.

He deplored the fact that despite the great reforestation scheme set up by the county of York there is less bush today than there was 25 years ago, much to the detriment of our water supply. Regulation of cutting bush: lots he suggested was near at hand, and while it would seem to interfere with the rights of owners, he declared that he did not subscribe to this view. "I believe if wood is cut properly that the owner will not lose anything and the chances for the bush coming back would be much greater," Mr. Evans concluded.

"The financial statement is one of the most satisfactory put out in many years," declared the new deputy reeve Ed. Logan who explained that this was the first year in a great many that the council showed a balanced budget. He recalled that six years ago when he went on council they decided to get rid of the bank overdraft. Mr. Logan said he was not giving all the credit to the present council for overcoming this debt, since it was due to a period of careful financing over a number of years.

He declared that there were too many unpaid taxes in these good times and that something should be done to clean up the arrears, of quite a sizeable item. There are people paying six per cent penalty on tax arrears that could do with the money in their own homes, he suggested.

Council economized this year on gravel and did not purchase any snow fencing because so much was spent on snow shovelling last winter. He hoped this would not happen again since it was poor economy to let the roads run too short of gravel. In conclusion he reminded the taxpayers that the \$12,000 item for a new grader would draw a subsidy of \$6,000, which, like the deputy reeve had said, would be paid for in a couple of years without raising the tax rate on that account.

George Peck in sponsoring the nomination of Fred Timbers for council said he knew him as a good plowman, a good school trustee, and a good neighbor.

Councillors Les. Harper, and Ivan McLaughlin, both spoke briefly and thanked their sponsors, as did Fred Timbers, the new man on the council.

The meeting was presided over by the clerk of the township John Crawford.



Lorne P. Evans Elevated to the position of Reeve of Whitchurch, has good municipal experience for the job.

Three More Boys Arrive Home

Three boys from Stouffville are again enjoying the comforts of the home fireside after years of service Overseas. Gnr. George Morden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Morden, is back after nearly three years, Lance Cpl. Bert Clarkson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Clarkson, also returned a few days ago. He was overseas four years, while Charlie Hoover who was with the troops entering France last June was away three years. Charlie is a brother of Gordon who paid the supreme sacrifice, both boys being sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoover, Albert street. Judging by their appearance army life seemed to have agreed with these lads whom we welcome home.

FARMER STRUCK IN EYE BY PITCHFORK

Wilfred Fletcher, bachelor farmer of Scott township, north of Uxbridge, has decided that it is better to go and get the pitchfork, than to ask to have it thrown to him. Fletcher was jabbed in the eye by a fork so seriously that he was rushed to the Toronto General Hospital last week. Latest reports are that his condition, is favorable, although there are doubts about saving the sight of the injured eye.

Standing high in the mow of the barn, Fletcher, who is a son of Mr. Burton Fletcher, called to the housekeeper, May Nicholls, to throw him a pitchfork, which she did, and it struck his eye.

Sale of Hats, Dresses, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Mrs. M. Watts.

Rev. S. H. and Mrs. Cockburn were here from Kentucky, guests of Rev. and Mrs. D. Macgregor. Mr. Cockburn was a former pastor on the Ringwood circuit.

New Year's day was a very quiet one in town. Traffic, too, was rather quiet, since icy roads induced many car drivers to keep off them. Skating, curling and the theatre provided entertainment for many people New Year's evening.

Ice Cutting Started Ice cutting at Lake Musselman is now underway for this season. Carl Rose reports quality to be tops. In fact the best in years, with clear-as-crystal, ice running eight to twelve inches.

BOUNTIES TOTAL \$213

Bounties totalling \$180 have been paid on 95 foxes shot in Whitchurch during 1945, and 114 skunks drew \$28.50 while one wolf was killed and the bounty was \$5.00.

The destruction of 90 foxes undoubtedly means the saving of many chickens, since that number of the cunning old fellows would cause a sizeable loss to the farmers this winter. Total paid on bounties is \$213.

HOCKEY JUVENILES TO GET A CHANCE

A meeting is scheduled for next week to line-up a juvenile league with such points as Markham, Unionville, Agincourt, and possibly others. Ken Laushway who is a member of the committee handling the Stouffville Junior O.H.A. entry has taken the home youngsters under his wing, and had a big turnout of boys on Wednesday night to line up a team to play in this league.

OLD RESIDENT MARTHA McMULLEN LIVED 78 YEARS ON TENTH

Miss Martha McMullen died at the Brierbush hospital on Monday morning this week, following a period of declining health. The funeral on Wednesday afternoon proceeded from the late home on 10th Street to Stouffville cemetery. Rev. E. Morton conducted the service.

Miss McMullen was a daughter of one of the earliest families in Stouffville, a daughter of William McMullen. She is survived by one brother Henry with whom she lived, and who is the last of a family of eight. Martha was born just south of where she lived until taken to the Brierbush a week before her death. She spent her long life of nearly 78 years on the Tenth. When a young woman she was recognized as a capable cook was employed for a long time at the Mansion house.

WELL KNOWN ENTERTAINER DEAD



Widely known throughout Ontario, Bert Harvey, entertainer, died at his home in Brougham, Pickering township, yesterday. A few years ago he located at Brougham to retire. He is survived by a wife and two sons, Al. and Bob.

Rural Hockey Opens Here Tuesday

Six Whitchurch and Markham Township teams will swing into action next Tuesday in the local rural hockey league with a double-header, Dickson's Hill vs Peachs & Vivian vs Bethesda. The teams are limited to fifteen players who must all be signed prior to their opening game. Games are to start sharp at 8 p.m. with a team forfeiting a goal for each five minutes they are late, and losing a game if they do not appear before 8.30.

The following is the schedule:

Tuesday, January 8th
Dickson's Hill vs Peachs
Vivian vs Bethesda
Thursday, January 10th
Baker Hill vs Lemonsville
Bethesda vs Peachs
Thursday, January 17th
Baker Hill vs Dickson's Hill
Lemonsville vs Vivian
Monday, January 21st
Peachs vs Lemonsville
Baker Hill vs Vivian
Thursday, January 24th
Lemonsville vs Bethesda
Dickson's Hill vs Vivian
Thursday, January 31st
Baker Hill vs Lemonsville
Bethesda vs Dickson's Hill
Monday, February 4th
Peachs vs Vivian
Baker Hill vs Bethesda
Thursday, February 7th
Dickson's Hill vs Peachs
Teams are as follows:

Dickson's Hill
Cliff Schell, Bill Walker, Lloyd Byer, Warren Moyer, Mansell Timbers, Harley Timbers, Bob Timbers, Ross Wideman, Lloyd Wideman, Bruce White, Bob Schell, Walter Grove.

Lemonsville
Mervin Harper, Allan Harper, Grant Wells, Allen Wells, Merlyn Preston, Ronald Conner, Bruce Winterstein, Roy Clarke, Roy Forfar, Noel Story, Floyd Forsyth, Bruce Stover, Forfar, Harold Drewery.

Bethesda
Fred Gibson, Allan Wideman, Fred Allin, Clem Ellis, Harold Atkinson, Chas. Clubine, Dave Ratcliff, Mac Clendening, Harry Pugh, Howare Shadlock, Howard Ratcliff, Paul Bolender, Harry Eade, Walter Patten-den.

Peachs
Gordon Lewis, Albert Hosking, Geo. Wilson, J. Wilson, Don Ferguson, Jack Warriner, Norman Jarvis, Earl Crowder, Geo. Foote, Ken Laushway, Jim Abell, Bob Abell, Jim Manchur.

Vivian
Bill Yakes, Bruce Hood, Garf Brown, Phil Fockler, Norman Smalley, Norman Fockler, Roy Flewell, Lloyd Grose, Edw. Fockler, Bun Hood, Gord. Morden, Roy Fockler, Bill Mulholland, Earl Grose, Nick Shelton.

Baker Hill
Herb Simpson, Bill Simpson, Jake Baker, Harry Baker, Ken Bacon, Alex Ratcliff, Gord. Ratcliff, Jim Oldham, Bill Williams, Owen Halstead, Sammon, Joe Fockler, Butch Steekley, Gordon Fockler, Eddie Hoover.

The Tribune staff was further augmented this week with the addition of Miss Margaret Jennings, as stenographer.

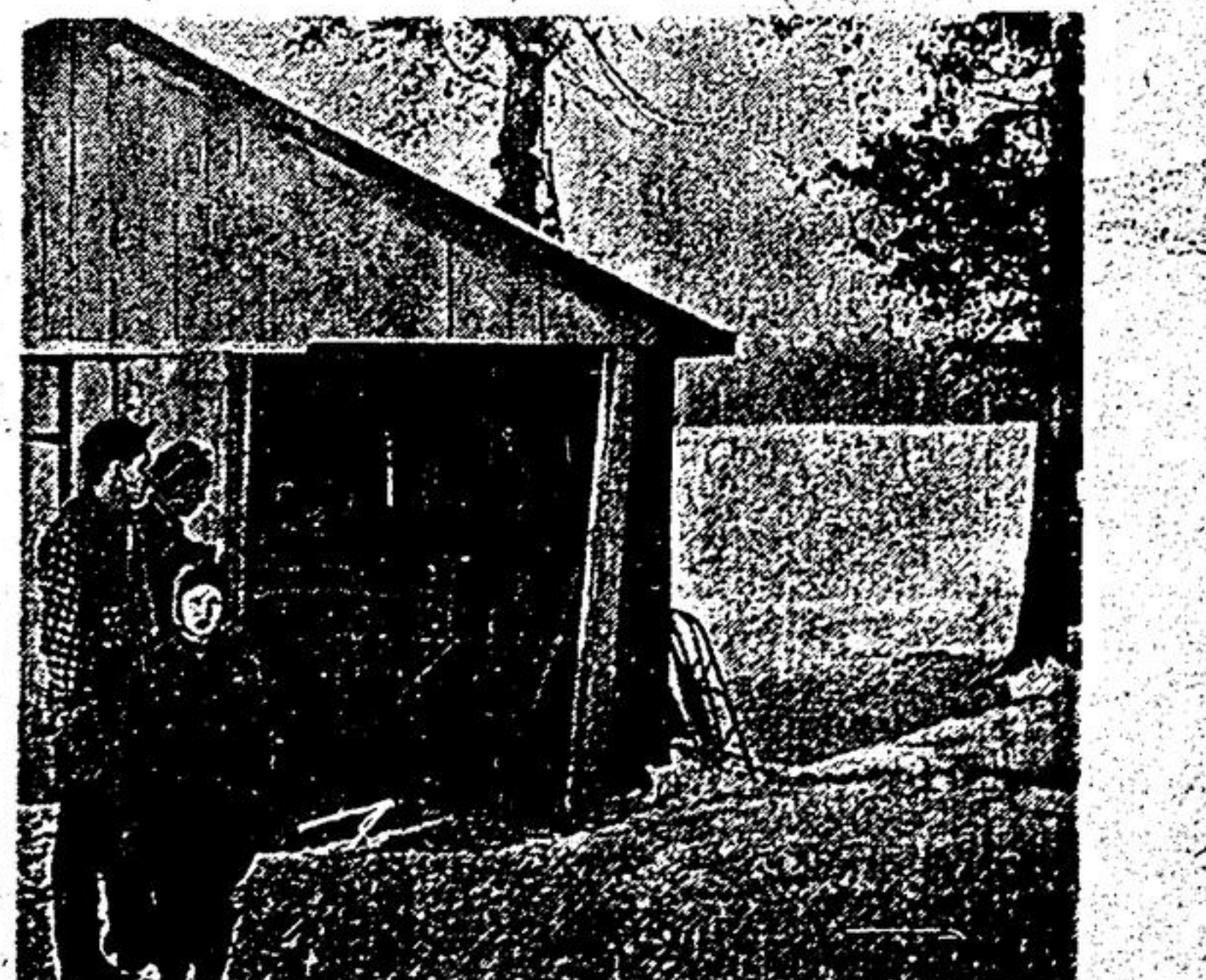
Junior O.H.A. Hockey Opens Here Friday Night

Stouffville will face off with Uxbridge in the local area on Friday evening in the first game of the current Junior O.H.A. schedule. The home team went through their final workout on Wednesday night under the watchful eye of coach Bruce Harper, and many favorable comments were heard from the numerous rail birds who were on hand to look over the Stouffville entry. This is the first Junior team to take the ice here since 1937.

Barring any switch in the lines on Friday night, it is expected that George and Jack Rumney will carry

the mail in the first string line with Keith Jewett, Lyle Petch and Earl Lehman on the second line. Burkholder, Paisley, Campbell are definite rearguards, with Allan Wells, Gordon Lewis and Bob Sellers filling in the vacancies. Louis Raxlin will start in the nets with Jack Warriner as replacement.

It has been a long time since the local arena has seen as much hockey activity as will be witnessed there this winter, and home fans are expected to turn out in large numbers to enjoy the fray. The game is scheduled to get underway at 8.30 sharp.



This shed on the Paradine farm three miles east of Uxbridge on the highway to Greenbank, was the scene of the tragedy when Ronald Paradine, aged 5, was killed by a bullet, allegedly

fired by his playmate. In a panic the twelve year old boy said he dragged the body a quarter mile to the bush dimly showing in the background of this picture, where searchers found it.