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Reaching home Wednesday this week from their service Overseas are these boys. From left to right they are Donald Middleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Middleton; Walter Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ever-ton Smith, and Bert Johnston, son of Mrs. and Mr. Robt. Johnson.

## Uxbridge Editor Wants Title to Property

Editor of the Uxbridge-Times Journal was overcome with weakness and court was adjourned at Whitchurch last week, when the newspaperman was giving evidence in an action he brought against the estate of the late Edward Rainey of Uxbridge and his executors, for the specific performance of an agreement to transfer to the editor certain properties in the town of Uxbridge on which is situated three frame houses owned by the late Edward Rainey estate. The agreement of sale was signed by two of the executors, but the third did not sign. It was to force the completion of the alleged contract that the action was brought. The consideration for the three properties is reported as \$800.

When the case was resumed before Justice Wells, his lordship dismissed the action without costs. In addition to the action being dismissed the claim for damages against one of the defendants was also dismissed.

The plaintiff was represented by A.W.S. Greer, K.C., of Oshawa, and the defendants, C.E. Rainey, Bruce Rainey and J.M. Low, were represented by H.A. Aylen, K.C., of Ottawa, and Neil Fraser, K.C., of Oshawa. The property in question was Lot 123, including three frame houses, on Toronto Street in Uxbridge, for which an offer of \$800 had been made by the plaintiff. An agreement had been drafted and signed by two of the executors, but never by the executor, Bruce Rainey. Evidence was, however, that V. C. Hare of Uxbridge, agent for the estate, had been given to understand by C.E. Rainey that Bruce Rainey was agreeable to the sale, but such agreement had never in fact been given.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Wells held that the defendants were acting in the capacity of trustees rather than executors of the will in that the will had been entirely administered within a year of the testator's death except for the sale of this property, and that it would be necessary for all the trustees to agree to the sale of the land if any contract was to come into being between the plaintiff in this action and the defendants. There being no contract between the parties, he ruled that the plaintiff was not entitled to a decree of specific performance.

Regarding the claim for damages against the defendant, C.E. Rainey, His Lordship said that the only damages could be those related to the increased value of the property during the interval, but held that no damages could flow from an agreement that never existed.

Parties involved are well known to many readers. C.E. Rainey of Ottawa is remembered in Stouffville and of course in his home town of Uxbridge, for his sporting activities there 30 years ago and more, while another defendant J.M. Low is former reeve of Uxbridge and a business man in the northern town.

## BOUGHT KENDALL FARM NORTH OF GOODWOOD

On Saturday evening the newspaper office had a call from Mr. C. Marchant, who recently purchased the Rev. Wm. Kendall farm on the 3rd of Uxbridge north of Goodwood. The property has splendid buildings, and makes a nice summer home for this city dweller and his wife. Mr. Marchant is an architect, and was employed by the T.T.C. for some years.

Native of Glasgow, Scotland, district, Mr. Marchant is really having his first experience living in the country and likes it.

## GROCCERS CLOSED NIGHT PRECEDING 24th HOLIDAY

Contrary to custom the grocery stores in Stouffville will not be open on the evening of May 23 prior to the holiday on May 24. The grocers felt that there is no need for such added service on a mid-week holiday, and customers should be sure and get in supplies during the day if such are required.

## Hydro and Water Rates Payable at the Bank Only

In future customers of Stouffville hydro and water systems will be required to make payment of their accounts due these departments, at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Stouffville. This decision was reached at a special council meeting Tuesday night. The change is made in order to relieve the work in the office of the town treasurer, who told council he could not continue to serve without some relief.

Cost for the two public utilities will be 5 cents per bill, and will be paid by the water and hydro systems, according to the number of bills issued by each department.

There are some 500 hydro accounts issued every other month or six billings per year. Water rates are payable half yearly, thus making only two billings.

Council was informed that all materials entering into repairs on the water system would be advanced 30 per cent as from May 1st.

## DR. JOE FOOTE V.S.

Mr. Joe Foote of Whitchurch will be one of the graduating class from Ontario Veterinary College this month, to whom we extend congratulations. Joe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Foote, 6th concession, Whitchurch.

## TAG DAY SATURDAY

Mothercraft Tag Day, Saturday, May 18th. Help this society which has an advice room in Stouffville. Aim to help the mothers and save the babies.

## UNIONVILLE HORTICULTURAL

Unionville Horticultural Society re-organized this year with Mr. Carl James as president. This society, dormant since 1942, will hold its first flower show on May 18.

## GARBAGE DAYS

Peter Bramwell announced that both Tuesday and Friday each week will be garbage collection days in town. If you wish such service give him a phone call.

## HOPE IS HELD FOR RECOVERY

The condition of Mrs. Roy Curtis who met with an almost fatal accident in a fall on Saturday morning, is reported to be favorable, despite the fact that two serious concussions were sustained. Mrs. Curtis is in the Western hospital, where she was rushed by Dr. John Button who rendered first aid.

## WHITCHURCH TOWNSHIP S.S. CONVENTION

The Annual Sunday School Convention of Whitchurch Twp. will be held this year at Gormley, Tuesday, May 21st. Rev. C. E. Middle of Aurora and Mr. Alex. Cox of Toronto, have been secured as speakers. There will be three sessions during the day, morning 9:30, afternoon 2:30, and in the evening 7:30 D.S.T.

## HOPE FOR 200 MEMBERS

Stouffville Horticultural Society is out to sign up 200 members for this year at \$1 each. An excellent premium list appears in this issue, and you are asked to have your membership ready when the canvassers call on you in the next few days. The society hopes to put on a flower show in June, for which plans will be laid shortly by the directors.

## HOWARD ALLEN DEAD WAS ONLY IN 29th YEAR

Howard Allen died at his home just north of Stouffville at lot 15, con. 1, Uxbridge, on Tuesday, following a rather lengthy illness. Six months ago he became a patient at Toronto East General Hospital, but within the last week or two was returned home. He was only in his 29th year.

Besides his parents Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Allen, Howard is survived by one sister Mrs. Ailan Hoover. The funeral this Thursday afternoon will proceed from the late home to Stouffville cemetery.

## Card Mailed in Toronto in 1912 Reaches Destination Few Days Ago.

Although her son Willie died last fall, Mrs. John McKinnon received a post card from him this month. The card was mailed back in April 1912, and bore the Toronto post office stamp of that time. As was customary before the war, the post office stamp advertised the C.N.E. that was to open on Aug 12 that year.

Just where the card spent the intervening 34 years between mailing date and receiving time, is a complete mystery. It was clean, and gave no evidence of its great age, or long travelling career.

Since postal rates have doubled between the time the card started from Toronto with one cent postage and was received in Stouffville, the Stouffville office rubber stamp in red letters called for "Four Cents Due."

At time of going to press no one has offered an explanation as to where this card, written only with lead pencil, has been. It might have travelled around the world quite a few times in the intervening years, but the condition of the card would not indicate that it had been on any travelling spree of that kind. Anyway, it remains one of the post office record high spots wherein it took 34 years from the day the card left the hand of Mrs. McKinnon's son Willie who died last fall, until it was received by her early this month.

## UXBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ADOPTS DAYLIGHT TIME

The Uxbridge Township council held its May meeting at the Township Hall on Saturday with all members being present.

One of the communications read was from the chairman of the "National Clothing Collection" setting forth the great need for clothing in some of the allied countries, and urging the council to get behind a movement to collect all the spare clothing available. The council decided to enlist the services of the schools in the Township and instructed the clerk to write to the various school authorities and teachers, asking for their assistance.

Necessary steps were taken towards making Daylight Saving Time the official time of the township from the present date to Two o'clock a.m. September 29th, 1946.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for tenders for re-painting and re-decorating the Township Hall. Read account No. 4 for April to the amount of \$863.09 was passed for payment, and general accounts to the amount of \$107.65 was also passed.

The June meeting will be held on June 10th, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

## Fruit Lands Change Hands

The John McKinnon fruit acreage on Montreal street in the east end of Stouffville is well known to many people. It consisted of three parcels of land, of which two parcels have recently been sold. A field of nearly two acres on the west side of Montreal street immediately across from the McKinnon residence has been purchased by Mr. John Miller who moved here from Toronto, and is a tenant on Stouffer street adjacent to the property he has acquired.

Another parcel of similar acreage lying immediately south of the McKinnon house was acquired by Mr. George Harmon who also lives in the neighborhood. Mrs. McKinnon, of course, still retains the residence with the fine cedar hedge around it, a hedge which she and her late husband went out to the bush over 40 years ago dug and brought in piece-by-piece from a cedar swamp.

Neither property sold has a house on, but Mr. Miller hopes to build in another year, while it is rumored that the fruit house on the Harmon place may be made into a dwelling.

## Public School Salaries Increased

Stouffville High School students will be granted credit for farm work if such duties have the approval of parent or guardian and the principal of the school, all of which must be approved before leaving school. It was agreed at the meeting of the Board of Education presided over by Chairman Don Chadwick, Monday evening.

At this meeting a further increase was made in school salaries, when the public school staff was advanced all along the line as follows:

Principal C. E. Watson receiving \$1800 was increased \$50, also Miss Hosie and Miss Brooks receiving \$1400 were advanced to \$1450. Miss Beck from \$1350 to \$1400, and Miss Harlock \$1150 to \$1250.

The Board also decided to engage Miss G. V. A. Campbell of Port Rowan for the High School staff at a salary of \$2000. Duties commence September term.

## TENNIS PLAYERS

Members of the Executive of the Stouffville Tennis Club and all others interested in the game are asked to meet in the Municipal Hall (upstairs) on Thursday evening, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.

## HALL REPORT NEXT WEEK

Canvassing for funds for the proposed Veterans' Community Hall in Stouffville will be completed this week, and a report prepared for the public will then be made.

Next Stouffville Hydro bill will be received at the bank instead of at the office of the town treasurer.



## KEN O. KLINCK

Recent recipient of the C.W.N.A. Award of \$10.00 for the best work done by students attending the Ontario Agricultural College. Ken O. Klink of Stouffville, Ont., is building an excellent record for himself at the O.A.C. Only 22 years of age, he has been attending the College since 1943 and is taking part in all sport, social and academic activities. Besides taking the degree course in botany, he is editor of the O.A.C. Review for 1946, and was associate editor last year—has been clerk of the Parliamentary Club and more recently Deputy-Speaker—was on winning inter-year debating team in 1944. Dr. G. E. Peaman, professor of English at the O.A.C., who advised the association of the award, also referred to the increased interest being shown in the journalism course recently started at the O.A.C. Ralph Young, a former daily newspaper reporter, is instructor and attention is being given to training students in writing articles suitable for weekly newspapers.

## Warden Gardiner Defends Municipal Governments in Address to Local Lions

Entertaining and Instructive Address Heard by Stouffville Lions and their Farmer Guests.

"Municipal government is by no means the lowest level of government in Canada, as many are inclined to think," stated Mr. F. G. Gardiner, K.C., Warden of York County in addressing the Stouffville Lions Club, at their annual Farmers' Night banquet held in the High School on Monday evening.

Mr. Gardiner spoke on "The Place of County Council among Government Institutions."

"Only as strong as is our municipal government, will our higher governments be," he said. The theory of totalitarianism, the idea that fewer administrators could get more done in a shorter time, than many small governmental bodies, impressed a lot of people a few years ago, he continued.

However, he believed that the present European turmoil belied this belief, since the countries which had maintained the best municipal government were able to re-establish themselves the quickest at the close of the war. These countries were Belgium and Holland. In Germany, he said there was no fabric left upon which to build a system to administer the peoples' needs, quickly and efficiently. The great asset of municipal governments, is that the members are known so well, and are so closely attached to the people to whom they serve.

Mr. Gardiner sketched in brief the history of York County Council, and went on to cite the various items of this year's budget which showed the varied fields into which this body has an administrative finger.

Some of the largest were, indigent hospital care, for which \$70,000 had been allocated. He explained a five year plan whereby the county will make a capital grant to those Toronto hospitals who are caring for our county patients. This grant will cost every municipality one mill on their tax rate, but at that it is less than the cost of establishing our own hospitals to do this work.

Administration of justice would require \$185,000, and monies to pay off debentures issued in the bad days of 1930 to '35, \$100,000.

The sum of \$237,000 was budgeted for the Toronto and Yorks Roads

## No Compensation for Poultry That is Killed by Dogs

Farm Manager is Told by Whitchurch Council

Mr. Andy Williams requested Whitchurch Council to state their policy on paying compensation for fowl killed on farms by roaming dogs. On two occasions choice pullets have been destroyed this year at Shadow Lake farm.

Reeve Evans pointed out that while there is enabling legislation permitting townships to pass by-laws to pay compensation for poultry under the Sheep and Dog Act, but Whitchurch has not adopted it.

Mr. Williams was advised to take action against the dog owners since they are known, but Mr. Williams said the Eaton Co. are opposed to prosecuting anyone.

Ratepayers abutting Wilcox Lake and Bessmore Avenue, 13 in number, petitioned for road improvement, and were advised that their road was not a township thoroughfare.

It was suggested to those presenting the petition, that an agreement that each ratepayer pay \$5.00 the township would put in the road maintainer for a couple of days. An effort may be made to carry out this proposal.

Council, likewise, will inspect the situation when they make their annual inspection of roads this week over all the township.

Councillors Harper and Timbers moved that up to \$50 be expended in purchasing cock pheasants to be put at large in the municipality. Last year Whitchurch issued 105 licenses, and receipts to the account of the pheasant hunt will bear the cost of the additional birds.

Mr. Elmer Clark was ordered paid \$10.00 for one sheep killed by dogs on his lands.

Reeve Evans raised the question of providing a public dumping grounds. Councillor McLaughlin wanted to know if the ratepayers would use it, or would rubbish be thrown anywhere in the neighbor-

hood of the dump. "I think a dumping place would be badly abused," said Councillor Harper.

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It was decided to order 15 tons of calcium chloride for use as a dust layer. This year it will be applied free to persons whose homes are within 15 rods of the highway. Heretofore ratepayers paid directly a portion of the cost.

Storms Construction Co. were paid an account of \$1879 for use of heavy road machinery on special jobs, including half mile of work on the Vivian road west, cutting hill between lots 25-26, con. 6, and widening road on the 3rd con. at about lot 7.

Other large items under roads were \$638 to Frank Roberts for 511 yards of gravel @ \$1.25 and \$700 for labor.

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Commission, which was already falling short of the amount required, as he could well understand after driving over some of the roads in his trip to Stouffville from the city.

In summing up his remarks, Mr. Gardiner stated that he believed the chief justification for York County Council was the fact that the twenty-six municipalities included in this county could better give their constituents the services they required collectively, than working separately.

The toast to the farmer visitors was tendered by Lion Dr. S. T. Boddendistel, and replied to by Garfield Kellington. Lion A. V. Nolan introduced the speaker and the appreciation of the Club was tendered him by Lion F. L. Button. Carl Boudway entertained the gathering with two well rendered solos, while Miss Betty Miller, local high school student gave a reading.

The ladies of the Altona Institute catered for the event.

Accompanying Warden Gardiner was his two commissioners, Reeve Ken. Thompson, of Weston, and Deputy-reeve Wm. Hearst, K.C. of North York Township.

**FORMER WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT DEAD**

An old resident of Stouffville and Claremont William Bingham, husband of Hannah Besse formerly of Claremont, died Saturday. He will be remembered as a painter and decorator during his active time here where he spent so many years. Son of the late James Bingham, drayman in Stouffville. William is survived by his wife and four daughters: Verna, Margaret, Mary and Gwen. He was in his 66th year.

Interment on Monday afternoon was made at Newmarket.

**YORK JERSEY SHOW**

MAY 24th. The third annual York County Jersey Show will be held in conjunction with the Richmond Hill Spring Fair on May 24th when it is expected there will again be approximately 100 head of high class Jerseys on display before Professor A. D. Runions of the O.A.C., Guelph who will place the awards.

**SOLD MINDEN BAKERY**

Former member of the banking staff in Stouffville, Mr. Percy Britnell who moved to Minden to establish himself in the bakery business, has just disposed of his business there and is now engaged in erecting a business block in that town.

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