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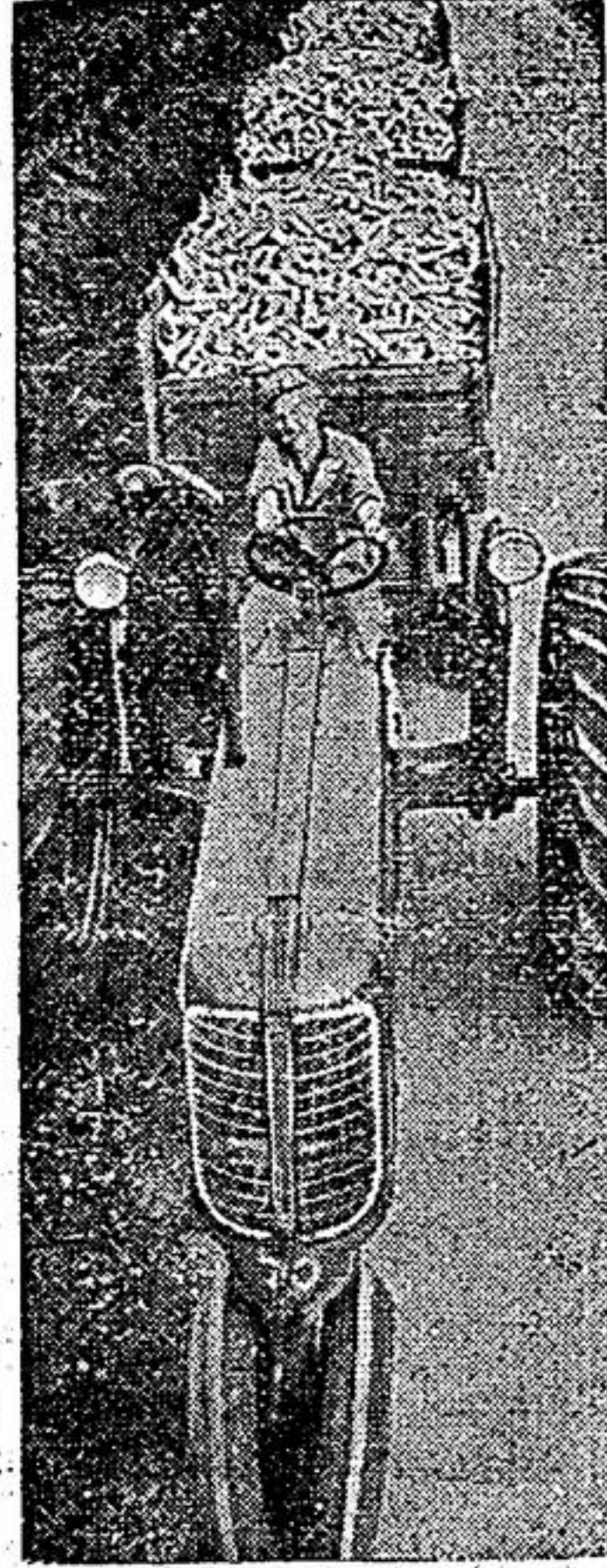
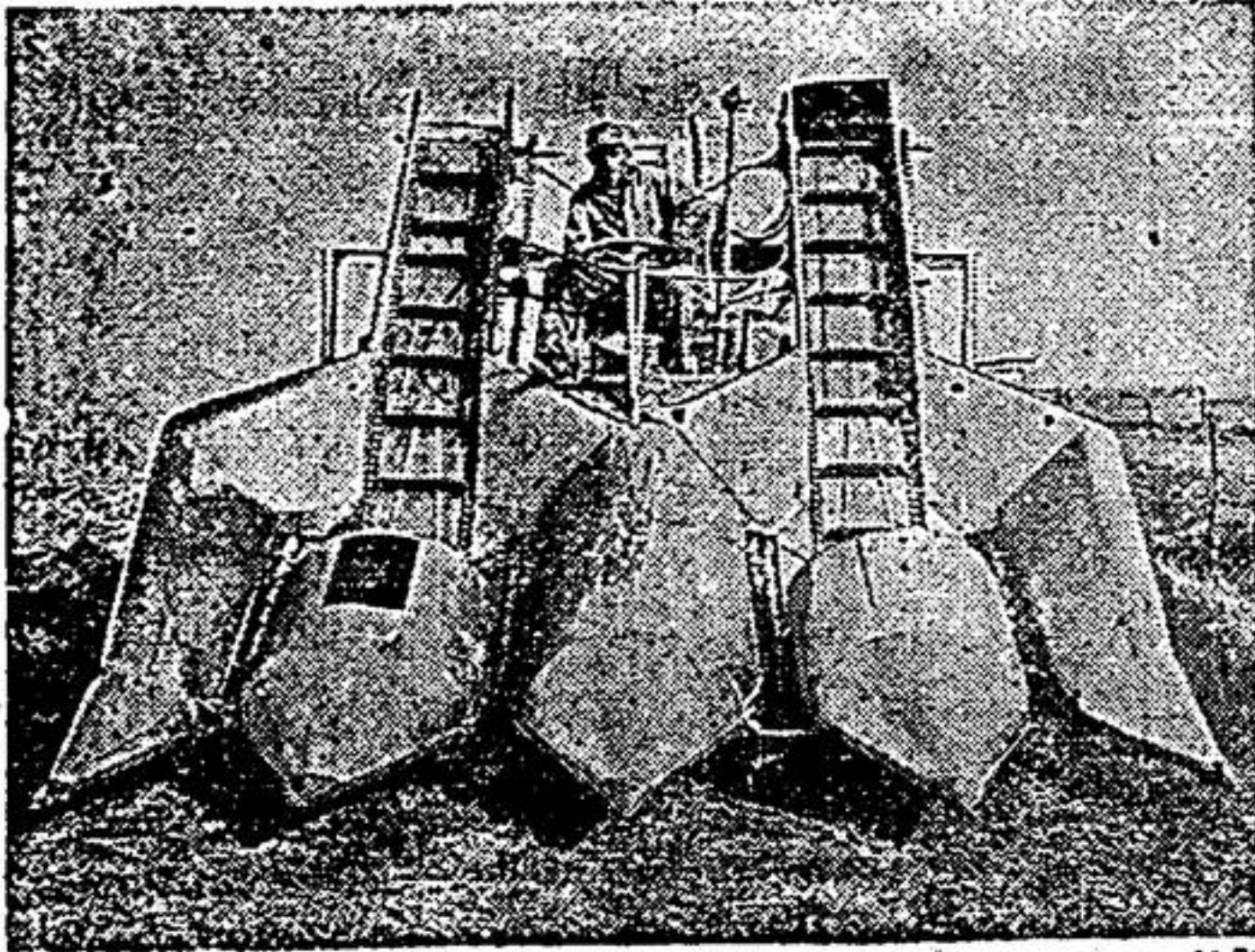
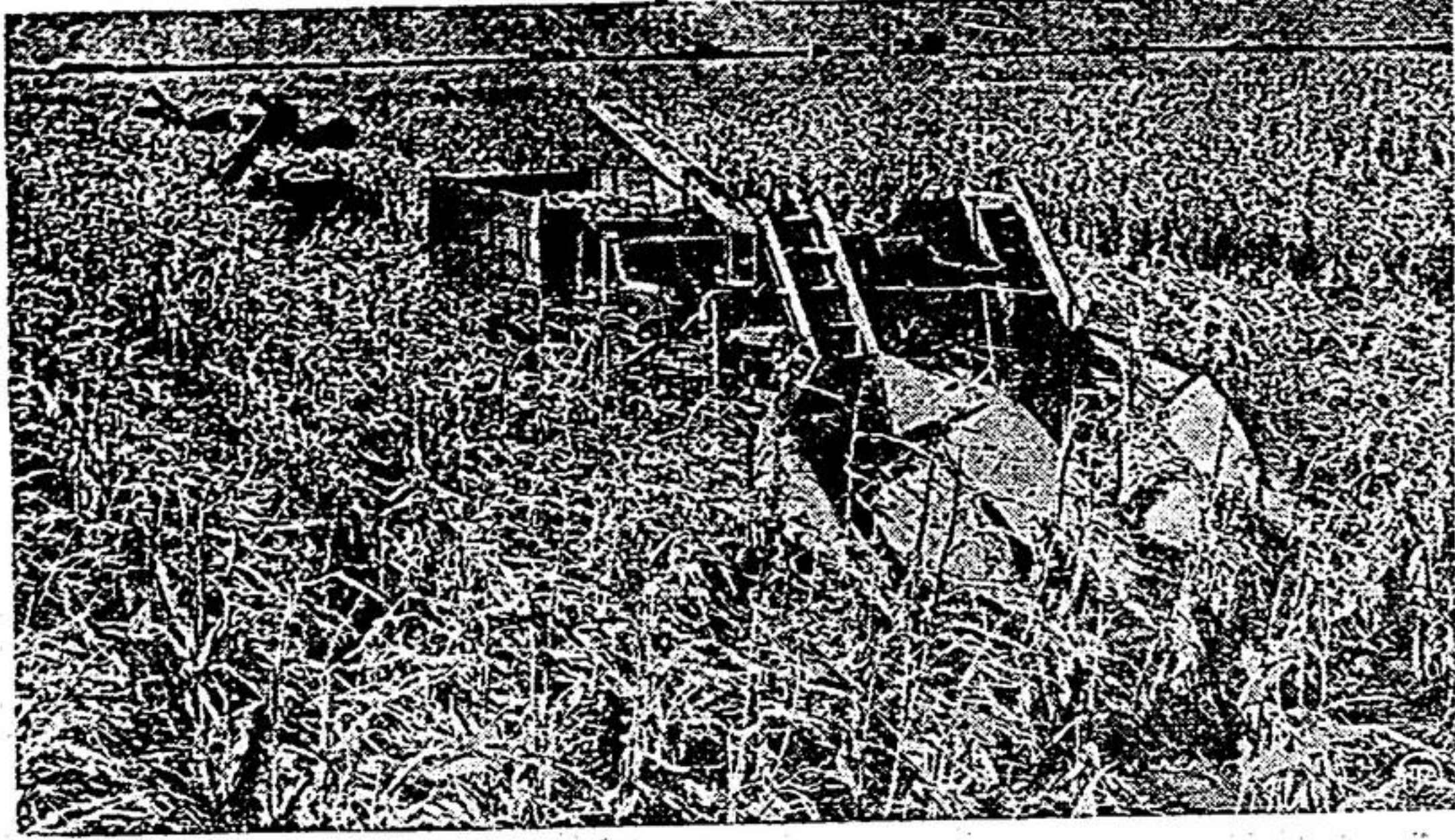
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## Corn Picking Machine Does Marvelous Work



Centre like a weird monster the picker stands with five huge claws ready.

Right, Long trailer train heads for the elevator, five miles away. Top, Four-row picker at work in cornfield that stretches as far as the eye can see.

These exclusive pictures taken on Lester Pfister's famous hybrid corn farm at El Paso, Ill., shows the first four-row corn picker ever to be used. It has a special interest locally since corn pickers are just being tried out, two machines now being used in Markham township. One belonging to Alex. Jones, purchased last year, and one just recently on the Wm. Brodie farm west of town. These machines are two-row ones, plenty large enough for the size of our fields they tell us.

While the local machines are pulled by a tractor, the monster

machine in Illinois is self-driven. Otherwise the larger machine is much the same as the two-row. They strip ears from standing corn, husks them and deposit them on a traveling belt which drops them into a trailing wagon. The picker is powered by a combine motor and pulled by a caterpillar tractor. One four-row picker harvests as much corn in 20 minutes as a good hand can get in a working day. With time out for changing trucks and other delays, it picks 2400 bushels a day. Pfister uses a "mechanized army" of four four-row pickers and seven two-row machines, with which 200 or more acres a day is stripped, husked and delivered to the elevators. This year he expects his biggest crop, some 160,000 bushels. With hybrid corn prices ranging from \$6 to \$12 a bushel, its value is close to a million dollars.

## Markham Engages Third Plow for Winter Roads

James Sabiston's tender to plow snow for the Township of Markham was accepted at a regular meeting of the council held on Monday. The rate of pay will be \$4.50 per hour without standby time. Mr. Sabiston also tendered on the basis of standby as did Jas. Moren of R.R.1, King.

Council mostly favored engaging a truck without standby time, because the two township graders would be in operation all the time. "I think standby time is something like a racket anyway," said Deputy Reeve Albert Reesor. Councillor R. L. Stiver said that it appeared to him that way too.

Reeve Hooper claimed standby was paid so that the truck might be available any minute it was required. "If you don't pay standby you might find the truck away on another job just when it would be needed for plowing snow."

"In view of the fact that we have two other plows always on the job, I do not favor paying standby time," said Councillor Wm. Timbers.

The motion of Councillors Stiver and Timbers then was voted on accepting the no-standby contract of Sabiston with Councillor Couperthwaite voting nay.

All operators of snow plows will be told not to plow lanes until approval of the road superintendent is obtained. Township will have no objection to doing this work, provided all roads are open in satisfactory condition.

Miss Mable Jennings, school nurse, appeared before council to acquaint them with her duties. "I work under the M.O.H., and I have nothing to do with arranging the health clinics," she explained. This was in answer to criticism why clinics were not held at each school instead of requiring all the children to go to Unionville.

The reeve said he hoped that ratepayers would take an interest in the forthcoming nomination meeting this Friday afternoon.

## Special Mention

At the Warden's banquet tendered F. W. Gardiner, K.C., reeve of Forest Hill Village on Tuesday night, attended by some 800 guests and held at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto, Fred Timbers, of Stouffville was requested to stand and make a bow before the large gathering, in recognition of his standing as a champion plowman. Fred too is a member of the council of Whitchurch township.

## INJURED BY FORK

Alex. Logan of Ringwood, met with a painful accident this week when he accidentally ran a fork through his foot, the tye entering just between the toes.

## PROPOSE PHEASANT HATCHERY YORK-ONTARIO DISTRICTS

The Game Committees of York and Ontario Counties may operate a pheasant hatchery if a proposal now being worked on comes to maturity. The committees suggest that the municipalities through their local committees would purchase a limited number of pheasants for breeding, and engage an experienced man to operate the hatchery. Birds would be raised for Markham, Scarboro, Whitchurch, Pickering and Whitby Townships.

It was suggested that pheasants might be raised at a cost of one dollar per bird. A price that would enable the committees to each purchase from 100 to 300 per year to be set free in the various townships.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carruthers, Markham, have left on their annual trek to Florida, where they will spend the winter at Vero Beach. Another resident of Markham township Mr. Willmot Warriner, expects to leave for Florida on Dec. 2 to spend the winter at the home of a brother there.

## Ontario County Roads Criticized

At the opening of the final session of Ontario County council at Whitby this week the roads committee were criticized for the condition of county highways, and in defence said that more men and more money was needed to do a good job. The dry summer was unusually hard on the roads committee maintained.

Warden John M. Rae, reeve of Uxbridge township is presiding over the meetings.

## NO NEW LIGHTS NOW

Residents of Bayview avenue near Langstaff, who petitioned Markham Township council for street lights, are advised by the H.E.P.C. that no such lighting need be expected for a couple of years at least, or so long as the present great shortage of materials for this work lasts.

## Breakins Reported at Musselman's

At least two cottages at Musselman's Lake have been entered by thieves recently; but so far a list of the missing articles have not been compiled. The cottages entered are both located on the Windsor Drive.

"We need better police protection," said Deputy Reeve Wm. Morgan of Leaside to The Tribune, one of the property owners at the lake. With between three and four hundred cottages, policing becomes quite a problem in the so-called off season when the cottages are closed up, and it would seem that a special constable would have to be detailed to be on duty every night, if full protection is to be given. This might be expensive, and would have to be borne by the property owners in the area affected.

## WHITCHURCH MEETS HEAVIEST SHEEP CLAIM

Three sheep claims totalling \$274, set a new high record for damage paid by Whitchurch council this year, were announced on Saturday.

Cecil Lloyd and Elmer Clark suffered damage on the 6th concession. Mr. Lloyd to the extent of \$15.00 for one sheep killed, and Mr. Clark \$44 for three killed, and three injured.

C.H. Hickson had the record single claim of the year, he being compensated \$225 for ten killed and a flock damage.

## Sixty Cars of Carrots Shipped

Sixty car loads of carrots have been shipped from Stouffville depot thus far this season, by R.E. Brown & Son, and the number at the end of the vegetable season will add many more cars to this big consignment, says Mr. R.E. Brown. Growers realizing anywhere from \$150 to \$300 per acre, and some will exceed even the top figure, indicating a highly satisfactory return. There is a lot of tedious labor involved in growing and harvesting carrots, and a good market is the only thing that makes the effort seem lighter.

## Markham Woman Found Dead in Home

In the process of preparing her evening meal on Friday, Mrs. James Rennie of Markham village, evidently took a weak spell and swooned over. Living alone in her spacious house opposite the fair grounds the elderly lady was not found until next morning when neighbors saw her through a window lying on the floor. Coroner Dr. S. S. Ball of Stouffville was called and pronounced the unfortunate woman dead. In the kitchen beside her lifeless form was her faithful friend and companion, a police dog which proved very friendly toward the doctor and others who made their way into the premises.

The late Mrs. Rennie was Elizabeth Jane Macklin before her marriage to James Alex. Rennie, who predeceased her, and who in his day was a prominent seed merchant of Rennie Seed Co., Toronto.

Surviving are two sons, Simpson of Port Perry and James H. of Toronto, also two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Lois J. Weir and Mrs. E. H. Bruels, and James A. Macklin and Howard Macklin.

## Little Election Talk in Pickering Twp.

Probably not for several years has there been as little election talk in Pickering Township as this year, and unless there is a sudden change or some dark horses emerge at this Friday's nomination meeting, it would appear that an acclamation would be forthcoming for the entire council.

We understand that the South Pickering Ratepayers who contested the seats so hotly at last year's election are not expected to bring forth any candidates for 1947. Reports are that they are preparing to sweep the field in 1948.

The present council members are all ready to stand for another term, and unless someone is really in earnest about gaining a seat at the board, they will likely be returned.

## Unveil Pickering War Memorial

Before a large crowd of Pickering Township citizens, Lieut. Col. Sidney Lambert, padre of Christie Street Hospital, unveiled and dedicated Rouge Hill War memorial on Saturday afternoon.

Paying tribute to those who had served, the padre reminded his listeners of their responsibility. "We must apply ourselves to the pursuits of peace," he said, "as they applied themselves to those of war." Continuing on the theme of the Four Freedoms of the Atlantic Charter, the speaker said, "There won't be freedom from anything unless we accept the challenge of peace."

Blake Annis, reeve of the township, C. Morley, president of the Horticultural Society, Rev. E. G. Robinson, R. C. Barnard and W. H. Moore, ex-M.P., also spoke. Rev. E. A. Holley was master of ceremonies.

## OPENS SESSION



Warden John M. Rae, Reeve of Uxbridge Township and Warden of Ontario County who presided at the opening sitting of the County Council's November session.

## Appeal Awards \$800 to W. J. Russell for Loss of Registered Shorthorn Cow

Mr. W. J. Russell's appeal against an award of \$300 for a registered Shorthorn cow alleged to have died as a result of being chased by a dog or dogs unknown, has been successful, Markham township council learned on Monday.

Hon. Thos. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, advised the council that the arbitrator Mr. C. M. Blyth, prominent stock man, had raised the compensation from \$300 to \$800.

The whole council looked glum when the information was read by Clerk Chas. Hoover, and after lengthy discussion, determined to have an interview with the Minister, just as soon as one could be arranged by the clerk.

Reeve Charlie Hooper said that the council was not properly notified about the appeal, and was given only a few hours advance information that the arbitrator was coming. The reeve was not available, but Mr. Blyth called on Deputy Reeve Albert Reesor, who unofficially had some conversation with him. "I think that before our municipality should be asked to pay such an award they should have been given some opportunity to present their case," said the reeve. The reeve pointed out that when cattle go down in the T.B. test, the department pay the farmer off at market value, but when the municipality has to pay, then it is different.

Deputy Reeve Reesor said he considered Mr. Russell's valuation was abnormal. The cow died two weeks after the alleged attack.

The \$300 award was paid after council debated the advisability of appealing the amount, but decided that rather than have a lot of trouble they would go the full amount of the valuator's figure, and a cheque was forwarded for the claim.

The cow in question died from an internal hemorrhage, a post-mortem examination carried out by the valuator and Dr. Kelly revealed.

The Sheep and Dog Act states that an owner shall be paid "compensation."

## Two Snowplows Ready for Action

A deputation from Wilcox Lake where some 200 people are wintering in summer homes because of the house scarcity declared before council on Saturday that a precarious situation existed in that area. Three demands were presented for what they termed a "privilege of rights." First, is garbage collection, secondly transportation of school children, and thirdly, a better system of roads. The demands, said the brief presented, call for an immediate answer.

Some 42 houses are affected by reason of all-winter residence which also affects the school situation. Reeve Evans said a year-round garbage collection could be arranged if and when the property owners signed a petition agreeing to be taxed for the cost of the service. When the reeve learned that some cottagers were paying rental of \$40 a month, he suggested that present total taxes of only \$10 a year on such places was nothing short of ridiculous.

So far as a school bus is concerned Clerk Crawford pointed out that that was a matter between the school section, the Department, and the school Inspector. The road (Elm Grove together with artery to Yonge St.) complained about, would be assumed by the township as a township road subject to such roadway being properly surveyed, gravelled and graded to satisfaction of the road superintendent.

The clerk will place the council's answer in writing within a week. A bill of \$40 from Aurora Fire Brigade for answering a call to put out a fire in a motor car brought out some discussion on the advisability of calling the brigade under such circumstances. Reeve Evans said the brigade would naturally look to the fire area for their pay, and the clerk said he would make an effort to recover the amount from the owner of the car.

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## Sharp School Teacher Helps Bag Markham Car Thieves

Three men who stole a car in Toronto last week, and stripped the vehicle of tires, battery and other accessories on the farm of Geo. Freeman, Cedar Grove, have been arrested by Constable Clarence Wideman, Markham Twp. constable, and the loot recovered. The car, a 1941 model belonging to a Toronto man was driven off the road into Mr. Freeman's bush and there dismantled.

Levi Degeer, local farmer, was the first to come upon the scene, but a local teacher was the person responsible for aiding the law in running down the thieves. The teacher noticed the men getting into their car, and as they were carrying guns, she was suspicious and noted the number of their car while driving by on the way to school. From this information the police were able to make an immediate arrest.

The stolen car was also found to contain three liquor permits, all made out in the owner's name, but with different addresses, thus the owner who was so fortunate in getting his car back, will also be arraigned into court on a charge of having illegal liquor permits.

## GORMLEY FARMER BUYS TRUCKING BUSINESS

Well known successful Whitchurch farmer, C.E. Conner, intends to retire from the farm where he has operated on the third concession north of Gormley for 21 years.

Mr. Conner who has purchased trucking business at Snowall has a fine herd of registered and grade Holsteins, a snappy matched team, hogs, implements, to be disposed of. A. S. Farmer, auctioneer, will handle the sale.

## Atha Cattle Win at Royal

The herd of Hereford cattle on the farm of Misses E. & G. Whitson, at Atha in Pickering township carried off some coveted prizes at the Royal Fair, including first for heifer, two years and under, third in the junior yearling bull class, and third in the senior bull class.

## Nomination Here This Friday Night

The ratepayers of Stouffville should attend the nomination meeting in the municipal hall this Friday evening. It is an obligation on the part of property owners to be interested in municipal affairs sufficiently to take in at least this one meeting. The reeve and council will give an account of their services, and tell something about what may be expected next year in municipal affairs.

## PRIZE HARNESSMAN

Chas. Todds of Markham, well-known harness-maker, had no less than thirty-two sets of fancy harness which he has made on display at the Royal Winter Fair. Mr. Todds is a specialist in manufacturing harness for four, six and twelve horse teams owned by some of the large concerns both here and in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wells and son Terry of Theford, spent a couple of days this week at their cousins Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Malloy.

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## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Casquin of Aurora, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Jean to Bruce, son of Edward and Mrs. Lintner, Stouffville. Wedding to take place Saturday, November 23, at 2.30 in the Baptist Church, Stouffville.

## BREAKS LEG

Mr. Malcolm Ramer, Bloomington, has joined the crippled brigade for a short time. As a result of broken right leg received while operating the tractor, Mr. Ramer is going about on crutches for a few weeks while the large bone is knitting.

## ART DISPLAY

You are invited to visit Spofford & Co. Store on Nov. 21, 22 and 23, to see a number of oils and water color paintings, also pen and pencil sketches by Miss Phyllis Klinck. The store will be open Thursday evening for the accommodation of visitors.