



Junior Hockey Schedule Opens Here Friday Night

Newmarket to be Visiting Team on Opening Night — Markham Here Next Monday

Junior O.H.A. hockey opens in Stouffville this Friday night with Newmarket, the visiting team. The second home game will be Monday night with Markham providing the opposition.

There has been considerable speculation regarding the Markham entry, but sources close to the Markham management tell us Toronto and Scarborough talent was strictly in the majority when the team took to the ice for the first time last weekend. Newmarket is likely to provide keen competition and their opening visit is expected to draw a bumper crowd.

The five teams in the league will play a single schedule with the four clubs finishing on top, going into the playoffs. This will be a best two-out-of-three affair between the first and third, and second and fourth place teams. The final for the league championship will also be a best two-out-of-three series. The winner must be declared by March 1st.

Stouffville's Victoria Square entry will play all their home games on Monday nights with the exception of the opener this Friday.

Below are the playing dates:

- January 2 Aurora at Markham
- January 3 Newmarket at Stouffville
- January 6 Bradford at Newmarket 9 p.m. Markham at Stouffville
- January 9 Newmarket at Aurora
- January 10 Stouffville at Bradford
- January 13 Markham at Newmarket 9 p.m. Bradford at Stouffville
- January 16 Newmarket at Markham
- January 17 Aurora at Bradford
- January 20 Stouffville at Newmarket 9 p.m.
- January 23 Bradford at Markham Stouffville at Aurora
- January 27 Aurora at Stouffville Newmarket at Bradford
- January 30 Stouffville at Markham 6 Bradford at Aurora
- February 3 Aurora at Newmarket 9 p.m. Markham at Bradford
- February 6 Markham at Aurora

MASSIVE WHITE PINE LARGEST CUT IN COUNTY

Reputed to be the largest tree standing in York County, a massive white pine, in the Ratcliff bush on lot 14, concession 6, Whitchurch, is to be felled this Thursday for its owner Robert Ratcliff. It is one of the few virgin trees left standing in this part of the county, and probably was known to the Indians since it is near the old Indian village once in that part of the township.

The great pine has been spared, no doubt, because of the aversion of the late Henry Ratcliff, father of Robert Ratcliff, to cutting the last original tree on the place. He had oftentimes said that he wanted a few old trees left pointing skyward. The tree to be cut this week, is one that was left on this account. So far as value goes, it should have been cut years ago, because it has been deteriorating, Mr. Ratcliff explained.

The big white pine is eleven feet in circumference, and stands as the last of the giants of its day, now to bow its head to the inroads of time.

If any one would like to witness the fall thereof, contact Mr. Ratcliff, and he will tell you the hour of the day that you should be on hand to witness the event.

Ontario County Wardenship in Doubt

If Reeve Wilmot Bain of Scott Township succeeds to the wardenship of the County of Ontario this year of 1947, it will be the first time the township has been honored with a warden in about fifty years. Father of W.O. Webster, merchant at Udora, was the last warden from Scott, and that was in the days when the representatives to county council were chosen on a different basis than is in use today.

Mr. Bain, however, is not certain of being honored, as Stanley Miller of Brock, a strong contender last year when he was beaten by John M. Rae of Goodwood, will again seek office, if he wins the election in his home township next January 6th, against two opponents.

Miss Bertha Davenport of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gayman.

Who Will Fill Chief Offices in York County

With most of the municipal elections over, it is now safe to make a reasonable forecast on who will fill some of the important offices in the gift of York County Council for 1947.

It is a good guess that Reeve Charlie Hooper of Markham Township will be chosen as warden of the county. He will be following Warden Fred G. Gardner, K.C. of Forest Hill, possibly the most able man to ever fill the office. A lawyer, he was able in debate, well informed on all matters pertaining to the county, and possessed the faculty of leadership that few public men enjoy.

If our forecast is correct, and we are sure it is, Charlie Hooper will, when council convenes the middle of January, be able to add another title to his name for it will undoubtedly be Warden Charlie Hooper, one of the most popular wardens in recent years. The other qualifications earned by Warden Gardner were something for the youthful member from Markham to strive for.

While we are making forecasts of this nature, it is safe to announce that Reeve Charlie Sparks of Aurora will be a strong contender for one of the two commissioners in the county. Mr. Sparks has served longer on the county council than any sitting member who has not received that honor and has been on all the important committees over the years. He entered municipal life in 1901 back in the township of Beverley in Wentworth county before locating in Aurora, and has given ten years continuous service to Aurora. Mr. Sparks although he may feel the weight of years, has all the ability needed for the office which he seeks.

There is one fly in the ointment, however, and that is that Reeve Lorne Goodfellow is a strong contender for a commissionership, and has the promise now of so many of the councillors, having gone on the theory that "the early bird gets the worm." Lorne is reeve of King Township, well liked in council, and with several years in council to his credit, he is one of the younger men like Charlie Hooper and that helps a lot, no doubt. In getting support for an office that requires a year of rigorous work.

Mr. W. E. Brandon of Swansea is almost sure to be a commissioner.

EVERY DOLLAR OF 1946 TAXES PAID

Tax Collector Ross K. Davis has hit the bull's eye squarely, in the matter of collecting the 1946 tax roll for Stouffville. He was able to report this Tuesday afternoon, that the last dollar outstanding on the current roll had been received. The total collection is close to \$24,000. No finer collection could be recorded anywhere in the province, and with no tax arrears the town is in excellent financial shape.

WIDOW OF OLD LACROSSE PLAYER DIES SUDDENLY

The sudden death of Nellie Alice Tefft in Toronto on Saturday in her 70th year, recalls the fact that her deceased husband Clarence Tefft once played on the old Markham lacrosse team in its hey-days of the game. Old-timers remember 'Taffy' Tefft, whose father was a veterinary surgeon in Markham.

May be Contest in Uxbridge Twp.

While the reeveship of Uxbridge Township was accorded to Stewart Ball by acclamation on Monday and the deputy reeveship to Isaac Catherwood also by acclamation there still may be an election. Four qualified for seats on the council with three to be elected.

Two old councillors standing for re-election are Bert Tindall and John Kydd, with two new men, Ralph Faulkner and Wendall Alcock. Unless one of the four withdraws his qualification papers before nine o'clock this Tuesday evening, the contest will be on, with election day Monday, Jan. 6.

He is a lawyer, well informed in municipal matters, and will make an admirable man for the high office, next in importance to that of warden. Thus we give the forecast for Warden and two commissioners to be chosen. There may be others in the field for the three offices that we do not know of. These three mentioned, however, are the strong contenders.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP TAX SALE

All the properties posted for sale in the forthcoming auction for lands for sale for taxes in the township of Markham, have been reclaimed by the owners paying the tax arrears and penalties. We understand that at the present time there is only one more property left which if not paid before the sale-date of January 15th will pass under the hammer of the auctioneer.

The situation indicates that the township is in a strong position financially, so far as persons being able to pay their taxes are concerned.

\$375 Foto Nite Offer For Local Lad

Last Thursday evening, Foto night at the Stanley Theatre proved to be a lucky night for a Stouffville lad, Gordon Forsyth, eldest son of the town barber "Red" Forsyth, was called for a cash acceptance of \$375. Gord really smiled at that one, and seemed just about stunned for a few moments when he began to realize that he was the recipient of that amount of money just for the mere accepting.

Gordon is the fifth winner to receive a cash prize for his photo since the contest was inaugurated, and nearly \$800 has been paid out for photographs of theatre patrons in Markham, Uxbridge and Stouffville. A considerable number of folks from Claremont and district have missed chances at the big pile of cash by not being present either Wednesday or Thursday night.

Grant Turner of Stouffville held the lucky number and won the stage contest which resulted in Gordon being offered the \$375.

3,318 Old Age Pensioners in the County of York

There are 3,698 persons residing in the County of York who receive the old age pension, and 620 more who receive a part pension. In addition there are 50 persons drawing the pension for the blind and four receiving a part pension. Persons 70 years of age, in receipt of less than a dollar a day and without other means of support, are entitled to the pension if they are British subjects.

The number of pensioners full and in part in Stouffville total 31, Markham village 37, Markham township 127, Whitchurch township 58.

The number receiving part or full pensions in the twenty-six municipalities throughout the county are taken by The Tribune for your information and show as follows:

Aurora	50
East Gwillimbury	72
East York	317
Etobicoke	254
Forest Hill	11
Georgina Twp.	63
Industrial Home	30
King Township	118
Leaside	15
Long Branch	30
Markham Township	127
Markham Village	37
Mimico	102
Newmarket	163
New Toronto	54
North Gwillimbury	56
North York	207
Richmond Hill	26
Scarborough	244
Stouffville	31
Sutton	14
Swansea	50
Vaughan Twp.	96
Weston	113
Whitchurch Twp.	58
Woodbridge	10
York township	970

A comparative statement recently issued showed that Stouffville has paid \$2,161 for hospitalization which exceeded that paid by Markham or Whitchurch townships and four times as much as Markham village. This is an item over which a municipality has little or no control, but because of Stouffville having a hospital in its midst it would appear that it provides a more inviting place for persons in distress circumstances than it would appear to similar people in surrounding municipalities.

FIRE DESTROYS TRIBUNE NEWSPRINT

A shipment of newsprint consigned to The Tribune and long delayed was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning on a siding in Toronto. It so happened that the shipment was delayed, and stock on hand never ran so low as at present.

Since another car lot cannot be obtained by our wholesaler short of thirty days, The Tribune must find another source of supply to tide us through the squeeze period. In the last three years this paper has been fortunate in never having less than two months supply of paper on hand, but this time we were down to a couple of weeks when the shipment is destroyed by fire.

Whitchurch Township Gives Seventh Straight Acclamation

Monday's nomination at Whitchurch was very quiet with not more than thirty ratepayers turning out to hear the Reeve and councillors give an account of the financial condition of the municipality. The entire council was returned by acclamation without any charge in personnel.

Reeve L. P. Evans reviewed county matters, Children's Aid with its alarming yearly advances in demands on the tax payers, largely due, he said to conditions arising out of the war.

Speaking on the high school areas, he warned that it meant probably greater cost for secondary education, but he thought it would be worth it, to have the children transported by bus to the schools on the various boundaries of the township.

Mr. Evans said the new areas would be put into operation beginning January 1948. At that time Whitchurch would be divided into areas with Newmarket, Aurora and Stouffville for high school purposes. "Only once to my knowledge did Whitchurch spend more money on township roads than in 1946. Then, as now, the reason was a spring flood," Mr. Evans said in touching briefly on township affairs.

County taxes are bound to advance next year Deputy Reeve Ed. Logan declared. He said that so many things had been allowed to go undone during war years, that are now demanding attention, hence it is very clear there will be an increased county rate next year. He pointed out that Whitchurch was a council of champions in its lower brackets. Councillor Ivan McLaughlin was a potato champion and Councillor Fred Timbers was declared provincial champion plowman this year.

Widening the road at Wilcox Lake and cutting the hill north of Bethesda on the 5th were two things council had in mind for 1947 program. Mr. Logan said the township should begin a program of more permanent road building. Tarpia tops should be laid to the lake areas. Enough money had been spent at Musselman's in the last few years to pay for a tarpia top yet what have we, Mr. Logan asked.

Councillor Les Harper and Councillors, Timbers, and McLaughlin spoke briefly, each indicating their interest in the work and an ambition to get things done. Mr. McLaughlin called attention to the large amount of unpaid taxes, and said that he would urge on council the advisability of getting in the tax arrears. "Now is the time to collect," concluded Mr. McLaughlin. Outstanding taxes for the current year are around \$8,000 and back of this there is unpaid \$25,000.

Whitby Combination Too Much for Locals in Hockey Exhibition

Fists Fly Among Fans in Final Period as Whitby Takes Exhibition Game 8-2.

Headly team play by Whitby's Junior O.H.A. entry tumbled Stouffville by an 8-2 score before more than three hundred hockey-hungry fans in an exhibition contest in the local arena on Monday night. The locals countered the first tally early in the game when Pascoe scored on a wild melee around the Whitby nets. Stouffville predominated the play during the early stages of period one, but faded as Whitby hit their stride and countered with three goals in the last ten minutes of the round.

Lintner and McCloskey looked extra good for the visitors while McEwen, one of the standouts of this Ontario championship squad, again presented a stumbling block to the local sharpshooters. Referee Chas. Webster handed out penalties early and often as the tempo of the game increased, and tempers and sticks rode high in the final period, breaking out in several minor skirmishes.

The home team's second and final goal came off the stick of Keith Jewett, who along with Jack Rummy and Pascoe had close-in shots blocked time and again during the final twenty minutes.

Mac Clement, a newcomer to local hockey fans gave a pleasing hockey display both offensively and defensively on the Stouffville defence.

A minor brawl ensued in the dying moments of the game when an over-zealous spectator took a shot at McEwen in the Whitby net with a bottle. Constable Rusnell was on the job, but failed to lay hands on the culprit whose undisciplined act drew ire of both sportsmanlike act drew ire of both the home and visiting fans. It was understood that his name has been divulged to the police and any future visits to the arena will be closely watched by the limb of the law.



(1) Lorne P. Evans, resident on the third concession, is returned for a second term as Reeve.



(2) Edward C. Logan, resident on the 8th concession is given a second acclamation for the deputy reeveship.



(3) Leslie J. Harper, the most northerly resident, is regarded as the senior member of the three councillors, having served longer than Ivan McLaughlin and Fred Timbers.

Drive Through Snowstorm to Catch Man at Mt. Albert in Hit and Run Accident

Driving on country roads covered with ice, Toronto detectives Friday night battled the year's worst snowstorm to reach Mount Albert ahead of a motorist wanted for a hit-and-run accident at Strathallan Blvd. and Avenue rd., in which Hugh Robertson, 9, of 206 Strathallan Blvd., was cut about the head and suffered a lung injury.

Police said it was the second hit-and-run accident in the city within 24 hours. Police report that Hugh Robertson, accompanied by his brother, William, 10, was attempting to cross Avenue Rd.

Eyewitnesses said the boy was caught in the vehicle's undercarriage. The driver, according to eyewitnesses, stopped his car and carried the lad to the sidewalk before driving south on Avenue Rd.

A license number was noted by two citizens and this turned over to Detectives McConnell and Caters of North Toronto Station. All road arteries leading out of the city were watched, but the wanted car was not seen. After an hour's vigilance the detectives decided to make the treacherous ride to Mount Albert in the heavy snowstorm. They arrested Theodore King, aged 60, on a charge of failing to remain at the scene. He told police he had left his car in the city and obtained a lift home in a truck.

WAR BRIDE ARRIVES

Mrs. Eveline Steckley, wife of Mr. Reesor Steckley, arrived from overseas aboard the Samaria on December 21st.

Home Saved in Nick of Time from Christmas Eve Fire

A fire broke out in the Parker home, Church street, on Christmas eve, that might have demolished the spacious home, had it not been for the timely warning of Mr. Parker's granddaughter Shirley. It was around 11.30 when a rack of drying clothes was ignited by spruce needles down the register. The family in the kitchen with the door closed was warned almost immediately by Shirley Bone, granddaughter, who heard the cracking from the bedroom, when the rack and all was dumped out of doors.

"Twas a very thankful household despite total loss of a rack of bedding, blistered hands, and singed hair," said Mrs. Robt. Bone. It was fortunate that the varnish on the 9-foot archway, which was all blistered, did not ignite. Spruce boughs decorating the archway and ranging down at least eighteen inches, were singed brown, but failed to take fire.

PARKER-GILLIES

Against a background of ferns, pink and white snapdragon, a quiet wedding took place at the home of the groom's parents Christmas eve when Mary Gillies was united in marriage to Lawrence Parker.

The bride wore a dove grey gabardine suit with matching hat and halo of feathers. Her corsage was of American Beauty roses and white carnations. Their only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bone. Mrs. Bone wore a navy suit, pink accessories and her corsage was of Premier roses.

Rev. Douglas Davis performed the ceremony. After a trip to Cuba the couple will take up residence in Montreal.

Christmas day guests of Mrs. John Lee were: Mrs. J. M. Grove, Ringwood; Mr. Ed. Barkley and his daughter Miss Florence of Toronto, and Mrs. Nancy Hamilton.