

SPORTS



"Old Man Weather," always a menace and particularly so this year, has been battling 1000 so far as the local Athletic Club is concerned. From the preceding sentence it can easily be gathered that Wednesday's scheduled opener between Newmarket and Stouffville Junior B.A. hardballers was rained out. Local players and officials have been glancing glumly at the thick skies every day for nearly two weeks and volunteer, "if the weather remained as has been 'Old Man Weather' will be the only one who will have a chance to establish an average.

Another feature about the inclement weather prevailing is the fact that with the playing field in such a deplorable state team members are finding it extremely difficult to get in playing form. The only bright sun is the fact that other managers and teams are experiencing the same difficulty.

The girls' softball game between Aurora and Stouffville was also rained out on Thursday night at Aurora. The return game is being played this week in Memorial Park, weather permitting.

This week the game between Aurora and Stouffville girls had to be called off because of wet grounds.

Ang. West, now a retail clothier in Newmarket, and a former publisher there has been elected president of the Newmarket Industrial Softball League.

Stouffville, Markham, Unionville and Aurora have all placed teams in the girls' softball league to function here this season.

Fans who attended the double header Junior baseball series between Aurora and Stouffville on the holiday, have been paying compliments ever since to Lou Murphy for his chore as umpire. Newmarket sports columnist Ab Hulse states that Murphy rates tops in the circuit on his showing.

The big chestnut racer, Shepperton, Gormley steed owned by Fred Shelke, made a great comeback at the Thorncliffe oval on Friday when he won the "Decoration Day Handicap." The distance was just six furlongs on a slow track, and the Gormley horse has not been known as a whirlwind sprinter, but as the horses came into the home stretch, the big fellow, whom many have classed as a "has-been" put on a real spurt, and drove over the line, a winner. Frankie Dougherty was the jockey. Many flowery tributes were paid Shepperton and the man who bred and raised him after the great finish.

Pickering Township may appoint a recreational committee for the entire municipality and local recreation branches would operate under this central body. The council received a request at its regular meeting on Monday for some action along this line.

Midget Baseball Schedule

- June 2nd Newmarket at Markham
- June 3 Richmond Hill at Aurora
- June 4 Stouffville at Newmarket
- June 5 Markham at Richmond Hill
- June 6 Aurora at Stouffville
- June 9 Richmond Hill at Markham
- June 10 Markham at Aurora
- June 11 Aurora at Newmarket
- June 12 Stouffville at Richmond Hill
- June 13 Newmarket at Stouffville
- June 16 Stouffville at Markham
- June 17 Newmarket at Aurora
- June 18 Markham at Newmarket
- June 19 Aurora at Richmond Hill
- June 20 Richmond Hill at Stouffville
- June 23 Aurora at Markham
- June 24 Stouffville at Aurora
- June 25 Richmond Hill at Newmarket
- June 26 Newmarket at Richmond Hill
- June 27 Markham at Stouffville

Semi-finals; first team in standing plays third team in standing; second team in standing plays fourth team in standing; two games out of three, choice of grounds for third game if necessary going to first and second teams.
Finals: two out of three.
No games will be held during first week in July.

THIS KNOWLEDGE

- Q.—How can I make creole potatoes?
A.—Try adding minced green pepper, a little corn, and a few lima beans, with strips of pimento, to boiled potato cubes, and creaming in the double boiler.
- Q.—How can I keep light-colored decorative candles from soiling so quickly?
A.—By giving them a coat of clear shellac before using them. Wipe them with a clean damp cloth when they do get soiled.
- Q.—How can I make bacon a golden brown?
A.—The fat of bacon should be drained frequently so that the bottom of the pan is only well greased. Remove from the pan when the bacon is light golden brown and evenly crisped.
- Q.—How can I keep washable leather gloves in good condition?
A.—By adding a teaspoon of glycerine to the water in which they are washed.
- Q.—How can I remove ink stains from wood?
A.—Moisten with oxalic acid, let it remain for a few minutes, and then rinse. Do not apply to finished wood or furniture as this removes the varnish.
- Q.—How can I clean soiled velvet?
A.—Scrape a small quantity of French chalk over the soiled spots, and then brush with a stiff brush. All dirt will be removed with the chalk.
- Q.—How can I remove a scorched taste from food when it starts to burn?
A.—How can I freshen a stale cake?
A.—By dipping in cold milk, then rebaking in the oven.

Sheep Claims Must Be Filed Within 30 Days

So many councils have paid sheep claims reaching them from valuers long after the statutory thirty days have passed from time of filing, that we publish information gained from the Municipal World. A township clerk asked for a ruling on the following questions which we give the accompanying answers:
W.L.H.—1. At council meeting on January 4, 1947, a farmer who had five sheep killed attended and with him was the sheep valuator, who said it was the work of dogs. The reeve asked the farmer if he knew whose dogs killed them and he said he did not, as their tracks on the snow led to different farm homes. The reeve then asked him if he was willing to take the affidavit and he said yes.

However, we did not have any affidavit forms at the meeting and the council, on his word, paid him the \$40 for five sheep killed. Since then the reeve has been informed that it was the farmer's own dog and another neighbor's dog that killed his sheep. He shot his own dog and went over to his neighbor and demanded he pay one-half the value of the sheep killed. The neighbor would give him no satisfaction, so he came to the council with the result previously explained.

The council has now decided to recover the money from the farmer. Do you think we have a clear case or are we in the wrong by not having him sign the affidavit? Could we collect on false pretense?
2. I am of the opinion that every dog in the township, including hounds, should be assessed. The council was thinking of passing a by-law exempting people from tax who had their dog tied up and was no menace, including hounds, because they paid a license to hunt with them in the fall.

Has the council the power to pass a by-law exempting certain people from being assessed for a dog or hound? Would it not be contrary to the statutes?

3. Why has there got to be two assessments in 1947? Will the dog tags for 1946 do for 1947 if we adopt assessment which we have?

Answer:
1. The council was wrong in making payment for sheep killed until the owner made the proper affidavit. The municipality is only liable for the amount of damage, ascertained by a live stock valuer and reported in writing, within thirty days after the owner has filed with the clerk an affidavit that to the best of his knowledge and belief the livestock were killed or injured by a dog but not by a dog owner by him. See Dog Tax and Live Stock Protection Act (R.S.O. 1937 chapter 335), section 10. If the council has good evidence of the ownership of the dogs which destroyed the sheep, they may recover the amount of the damages paid from the owner or owners of the dogs by an action in division court.
2. The council has no power to exempt any dogs, hounds or others, from taxation.
3. Due to a change in the law which requires all municipalities to make their assessments in one year on which the taxes of the following year are to be levied it was necessary for all municipalities which were not already using this method to make a second assessment in 1946 or pass a by-law adopting the 1946 assessment roll as the roll on which 1947 taxes are to be levied. See 1946 Statutes, chapter 3, section 13. It will be necessary to obtain new dog tags for use in 1947.

WON'T REDUCE TAXES ON SMALL INCOMES.

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vinced that the present tax system was as fair as it could be made, and the present level of exemptions was higher than in other countries, including Britain.
The imposition of the regular tax rates on proceeds from the sale of farm herds was considered unjust by many members. John G. Diefenbaker, MP, illustrated it with a case of a farmer's estate which sold the herd for \$25,000 and was confronted with a tax bill of several thousand dollars in one year. These conditions arose through the farmers not being able to claim exemption on this status if his wife is resident in a British country or a country contiguous to Canada and has been prevented by reason of the war or is prohibited by law from entering this country. The husband must establish that he is supporting his wife. The effect of this amendment will be to give married status for income purposes to husbands living in Canada who have been unable as yet to bring their wives from overseas.
Delay of Refunds
Protests were lodged with the Minister at the delay making refunds of overpayments of taxes on unpaid tax amounts prior to the department completing the assessment on a return, but the complaints made no impression on the ministry.
The Chamber concluded its examination of the budget resolutions, and the next step will be their introduction in the form of bills amending the present tax laws.

Future Farm Barns May be Smaller

Mechanical engineers have often expressed the opinion that improvements in the design of barns have not kept pace with the advances in the design of farm machinery. This is not exactly true, writes W. B. Delves in an article in "The Farm Barn" in the Agricultural Institute Review. Through the years, he says, barn designs have improved. If changes seem to have been slow, there are very good reasons for this situation.

The replacement value of farm buildings is close to the sales value of the land and buildings. A farmer cannot "turn in" an obsolete barn for a new one, so he hesitates to scrap a usable barn and build a more modern one. Many of the good barns scattered across the older provinces of Canada never would have been built if the old barn had not burned.

Perhaps a farmer's greatest fear is that of fire originating in a mow full of hay on top of a stable of purebred accredited cows. Housed in a one-storey, metal clad and metal lined, insulated and ventilated stable, cattle are much safer, and if a fire does happen, there is more time to release them. In an emergency, an extra five minutes may be the difference between getting the cattle out or not.

Considerable work on the advantages of feeding and handling chopped hay has been done in recent years. Field baling is also becoming popular. Much research, too, has been done on mow curing of hay, preferably in chopped form. Either of these methods will reduce the storage space needed and smaller barn lofts will suffice. These new methods of hay handling will probably make drive floors obsolete, with a saving to the farmer, because about 25 per cent of the upper storey is now taken up as a drive floor. Greater use of corn and silos and ensilage hay will reduce barn sizes.

Obviously the changes in barn designs must follow, not precede, improvements in the mechanization of the farm. Canadian contractors are able to supply suitable barns and good value for money expended.

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It is pointed out in Ottawa that any alleged misuse of "family allowance" is always investigated closely in the regional office, and following the investigation if a report is found to be justified, the account is immediately suspended. Since the 1st of January, 1947, the following number of accounts have been suspended due to the misuse of "family allowances": Jan., 119; Feb., 23; March, 39, and April, 33. Hundreds will testify to the results obtained in Tribune classified.



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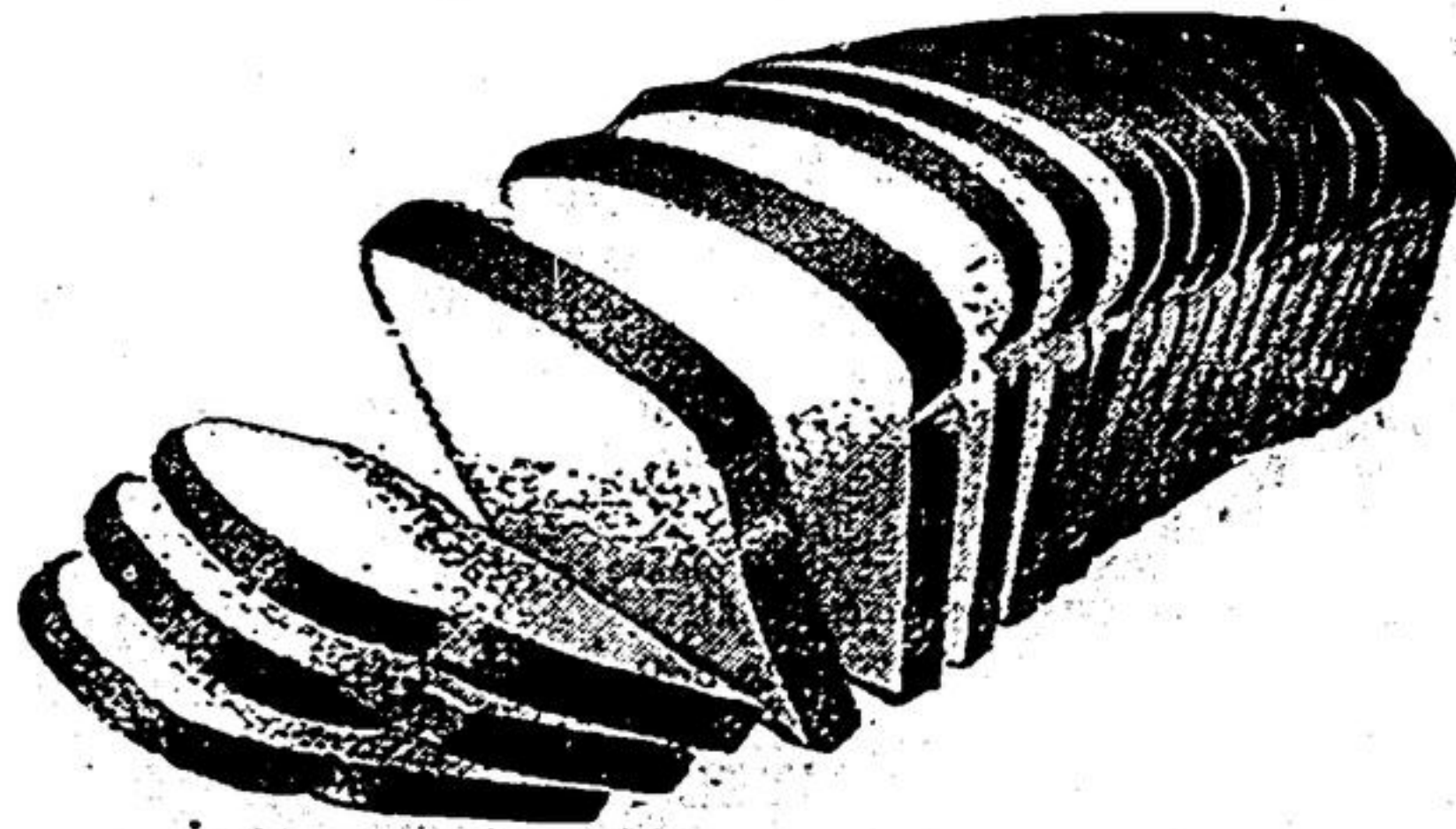
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