

BELIEVE FARMER'S SHEEP WERE SHOT

Bullet Wounds Discovered On Wm. Brodie's Animals

Valuable lambs belonging to the Brodie flock of prize animals, pastured on the sideroad just west of Bethesda in Whitechurch Township, appear to have been molested by marauders, other than dogs.

William Brodie found three dead animals in the meadow lands, which at first were believed to have been killed by dogs. However, on close examination it was revealed that each dead lamb had what appeared a bullet wound in the neck or head. The animals were lying close together, one with a wound in the neck and two with wounds in the head. Sheep valuers and Mr. Brodie are strongly of the opinion that the sheep were shot.

Boys with fire arms were seen in the neighborhood only a few days before the sheep were located which somehow coincides with the time the sheep might have died, since they were badly bloated, when found, indicating they had been dead a day or two.

Strange as it may seem, it was in this same meadow that a horse or colt belonging to John Bruce, was shot by an unknown person three years ago.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER ENGAGED

The seventh teacher was added to the Stouffville high school staff this week when the Board of Education engaged Mr. Thos. Pherrill of Thornhill. Mr. Pherrill is returning to the teaching profession after four years of service in the armed forces. He is a Whitevale boy and attended High School at Markham. Mr. Pherrill will make the third male member of the staff.

Rev. G. W. Brown Becomes President Ontario Christian Church Conference

Distinguished visitors at the annual conference of Congregational Churches in Ontario meeting in Stouffville for four days last week, were two guests from the United States Rev. Dr. Robert Bruce, superintendent of 352 churches under his jurisdiction, also Rev. Dr. Dennison, an outstanding minister in the U.S. conference. They were the chief speakers, and brought messages of greeting, and preached to the assemblies on more than one occasion.

The gathering was the 122nd annual session of the Ontario conference, and was catered to by the women of the church, assisted by the ladies from Ringwood, Bloomington, and Altona churches, so that all the meals served at the church were greatly appreciated.

Rev. G. W. Brown, pastor of the Ringwood, Bloomington and Altona congregations, was the unanimous choice of president for the coming year, succeeding Mr. Albert Reesor who has held the office for three years. Words of appreciation were expressed on the good work done by Mr. Reesor and the able leadership given during his tenure of office. Mr. Reesor formally presented the Bible, the symbol of the high office, to his successor, in a fitting ceremony.

The new president said he felt singularly honored to have his name inscribed in this Bible, and was exceedingly happy for the still greater honor of having his name written in the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Rev. Arthur Greer of Weston delivered an address that stirred the congregation which filled the edifice at one of the evening sessions. Music for the conference was supplied by a choir of girls, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Millard Reesor and Mr. Lawrence Snelgrove.

The Sunday services which were very largely attended were conducted by Rev. G. W. Brown, and Mr. Charles Leach of Kingston. The Christian Endeavour had a part in the undertaking by conducting opening services which recorded the beginning of a very successful conference. Two churches without pastors at present, Newmarket and Stouffville, are shortly to have these vacancies filled, it was predicted.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed by Rev. Dr. Bruce as follows:

President—Rev. G. W. Brown, Stouffville; Vice President—Rev. J. O. Moran, Kingston; Clerk—Rev. C. H. War, Toronto; Treasurer—Wm. Reesor, Stouffville.

An invitation to hold the conference at Ringwood next year, was accepted.

STOUFFVILLE TURNS HOLLYWOOD

Last week five men from the Associated Screen Studios spent the afternoon in town. They chose International Motors as the scene where the actors put on their little skit, which was produced on a moving picture camera under especially powerful lights produced by a generator. Much preparation is needed to make a few pictures, sometimes it takes a group two weeks getting ready to produce 30 seconds of film roll. This moving picture will be shown this fall.

Hauled into Court For Dumping Rubbish On Twp. Roadside

A resident of Henderson Ave in Doncaster, south of Thornhill in Markham Township was summoned into county police court on Monday, charged with dumping a truck load of rubbish on the 5th concession of Markham. Magistrate Martin in hearing the case, said that this habit is getting out of control and something has to be done to stop it. The accused pleaded guilty. Constable Wideman who laid the charge, testified that the accused made a good job of cleaning the rubbish up. He was given suspended sentence, and a warning from the magistrate that this practice must cease.

The Ratcliff store staff enjoyed an outing to Niagara Falls on Wednesday this week.

Ringwood Lad Ringside Attraction in New York

Last time we saw Frank Hewitt, he was nursing a broken jaw, and couldn't open his mouth, and was fed with an eye dropper or something of the sort, but he looked fit for anything nevertheless.

Frank is back in the front ranks down there in New York boxing circles. Cousin of Ralph Burkholder, Hewitt lived in Ringwood as a lad with his grandmother, Mrs. Pipher.

Last week at the McArthur Stadium in Brooklyn he squarred up with Two-Ton Tony Galento, but we didn't hear the outcome, excepting that Frank wasn't hurt. Don't know about Tony. As a measure of the interest in this fight the crowd of fans totalled 17,000.

Chester Brown Died On Sunday

Member of one of the oldest families in the district, Chester Brown died at the Stouffville Brierbush hospital on Sunday afternoon, in his 82nd year. Just at the hour of his passing, a younger brother Rolph arrived in town expecting to pay a visit to the sick man. However, he was too late to see him alive.

Chester Brown operated a pool room in Toronto for many years, but less than three years ago he retired and sold the business, owing to ill health. With his wife the couple came to Glasgow west of town to live with his brother George. They had just nicely settled in the country when both Mr. and Mrs. Brown fell ill, and had to be removed to the hospital. Mrs. Brown is still a patient there, but is in very delicate condition. That is nearly two years ago.

Born in Pickering just west of Altona Chester Brown was a son of Joseph Brown and his wife Elizabeth Gordon who came from Ashburn. The parents were both born in the locality where they spent all their lives. There were six sons in all, and surviving Chester are two brothers previously mentioned, George, the eldest, is 80, and Rolph a barber in Midland, is one of the younger members. Fifty years ago he operated a shop in the west end of Stouffville.

Twice married Chester Brown's first wife was a daughter of the late George Sangster who farmed near Lincolnville. She was a cousin of the late Dr. Walter and Frank Sangster of Stouffville. To this union two children were born, Arnold Brown of Toronto, and Alma, who is the widow of the late Capt. Arthur Brown, who died in the first Great War. The son Arnold is a plumbing inspector with the Ontario government. Chester's second wife, Mary May, was a widow, and to this union there were no children.

The funeral this Tuesday afternoon proceeded from O'Neill's undertaking parlors to Stouffville cemetery. Rev. E. Morton conducted the service.

JESS DAVIS 95 SUNDAY

Although 95 years of age last Sunday Mr. Jess Davis of Glasgow regrets that he is unable to work his garden this season. However, he gets some satisfaction over the fact that he can still read without glasses, and we pass our congratulations to him as a great man for having withstood the inroads of time better than the average person has been able to do.

BRIDGE "DEATH TRAP" SAYS PICKERING REEVE

Pickering Township Head Urges Load, Speed Restrictions—May Widen

Reeve Blake Annis of Pickering Township termed Duffin's Creek bridge, north of Pickering, a "death trap" during an Ontario County Council session on Monday.

Members decided to press for load capacity and speed restrictions on traffic using the bridge after it was deemed inadvisable to widen the bridge at the present time. It was suggested that the span be widened 10 feet.

Whitby Township Reeve, William Manning commented that "it is a wonder no serious accidents have taken place on the bridge." In 1929 part of the structure was washed out by flood waters.

Canvassers are now at work preparing for the forthcoming TB survey, July 2-3. It is expected that 3,000 people will be x-rayed at that time.

Recommend Wild Life and Bird Sanctuary For Vivian Forest

York County Council Inspect Vast Project in a Body. Entertained at Cedar Beach Gardens

The Hon. Harold Scott, Minister of Forests and Mines at Queen's Park, accompanied members of the York County Council and guests on a tour of the York County forest at Vivian last Thursday. It was the first occasion for both the minister and most of the councillors to see this vast project.

Taken in trucks specially fitted, the visitors were quite comfortably seated for the trip over the fire guard roads that wind through the two greater forests, which comprise some 600 to 800 acres each. The County of York holds about 3,000 acres of land in the Vivian area on the so-called water shed, or table land, the high point between lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe.

More than two million trees at various stages of development cover the landscape, and these are designed to not only retain the winter's snows until they melt in the ground and form vast reservoirs of water running north and south to the two lakes, but the forest prevents erosion and keeps people off sub-marginal lands. It does many other things for the benefit of mankind, according to forestry officials. Some day, too, it will be valued for its potential wealth as a timber limit.

When Thursday's inspection was over, the party of 75 men gathered at Cedar Beach Gardens, Musselman's Lake, where an excellent hot dinner was served.

Chairman of Reforestation for the county, A. V. Nolan, presided over the program following the dinner; chief speakers were Prof. Zavits, Major Lex McKenzie, M.P.P., John Simmons, Chief Forester, and Warden Chas. Hooper. Reeve Evans of Whitechurch welcomed the visitors to his township.

County councillors said they were amazed with the vastness of the project, and saw in it great possibilities for the future benefit of the country. Prof. Zavits said that while the project was not a lumbering one, the fact remained that today an acre of mature pine had a commercial value of \$1000.

Vivian forest was started in 1926, and the chairman called on Wesley Gohn of Markham to stand for a moment since he was chairman of the reforestation committee when the scheme was started. Warden Charlie Hooper said that it must have taken what the Englishman calls "guts" to start back in those days what is now proven such a worthwhile project.

Mr. Simmons advised the setting up of a wild life preserve, and bird sanctuary in connection with the project.

The annual street carnival by Stouffville Lions Club will be held on Wednesday night next week.

Proposal to Tax Farmers Direct for Federation of Agriculture Rejected

When a bylaw designed to place a small direct tax on the farmers of Whitechurch to be turned over to the Federation of Agriculture came before the council Friday night, Deputy Reeve Ed. Logan moved that it be given a hoist, and that council make a grant to the Federation instead.

"If we make a grant then every tax payer will contribute to this worthy organization, whereas under the bylaw only farmers will be taxed," said Mr. Logan.

Councillor Les. Harper reminded council that a grant was not a legal way to handle the matter.

Councillor Timbers when pressed by the reeve for an opinion said that if many more taxes were piled on the farmers this year, there could easily be a new legislative body sitting here next year. He hadn't honestly considered the merits of the bylaw, but after a thoughtful few moments stated that he favoured a grant in preference to passing the bylaw. "The Federation is worthy of support in some way," said Mr. Timbers, and Councillor Ivan McLaughlin said he would support a grant which Mr. Logan placed at \$150.

"No doubt the federation has done a good work, and even the assistance from the townships was not sufficient to properly set up a really worth-while and effective organization as it should be," declared Reeve Evans.

The bylaw was withdrawn and in the same motion council approved a grant of \$150.

It was bylaw night according to the agenda, for other bylaws passed licensing livery stables, summer booths, and consideration given to still other bylaws, one to license tourist camps, but the schedule of rates must have more consideration before the bylaw will be brought in.

Council received notice from Wesley Church stating the tender of Whitechurch of \$800 for the church sheds had been accepted and the treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque for that amount. The sheds will be used at Vandorf for storage purposes.

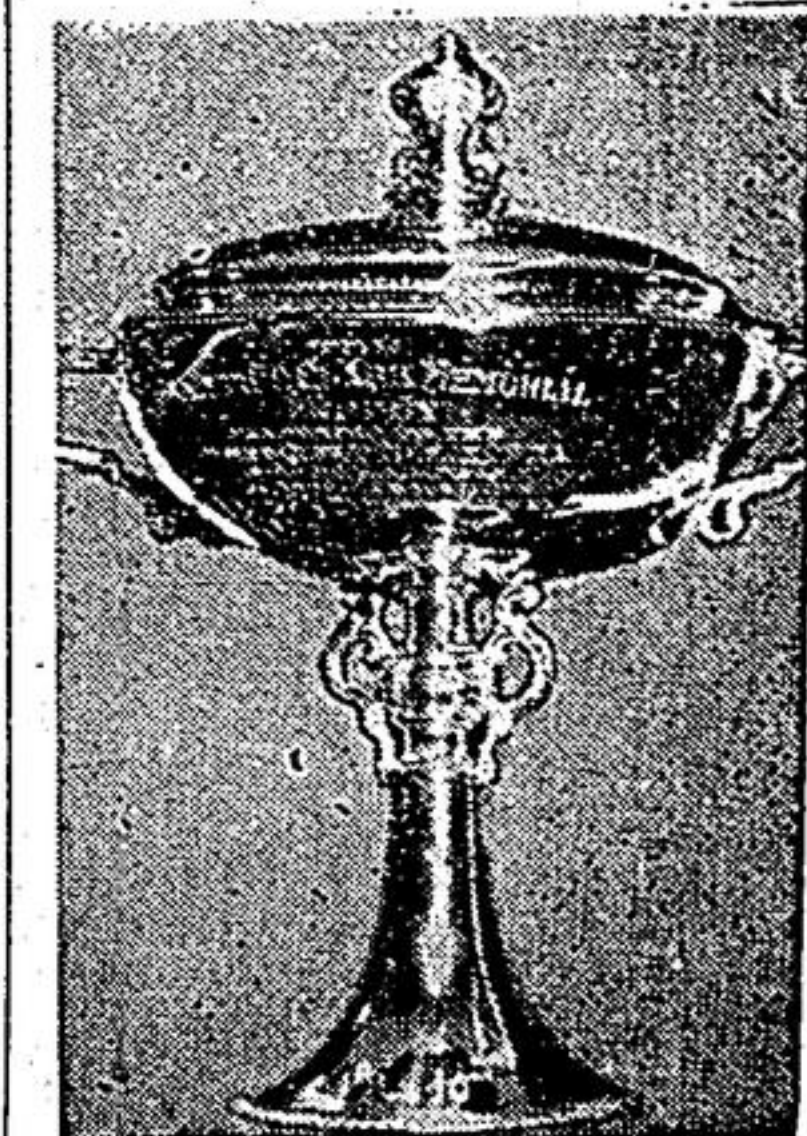
George Drewery was awarded \$15 for sheep killed and Hugh Canning \$20. Dogs did the damage the farmers testified under oath.

The dumping of refuse in the township came in for discussion. Said Reeve Evans, "the collection of garbage at both lakes should solve the problem. For a very small sum persons outside the lake area could have the same collector pick up their accumulation of tins, etc." No further solution of the problem was offered, but reports were made of rubbish being heaved from cars to roadside areas causing unsightly spots in various districts.

Council remained in session until

The Tribune Adjudged Best Newspaper

It may be an old story, but The Stouffville Tribune last week at Ottawa was again awarded the Clark Memorial trophy for being adjudged the best all-round weekly newspaper published in any town in the province of Ontario and



Quebec with population of 1500 or less.

The cup, first donated by Mr. Jos. Atkinson of the Daily Star in memory of his friend Jos. Clark, father of Greg. Clark was first competed for in 1939, and strange as it may seem, the convention city that year was also Ottawa, and The Tribune was awarded the cup. It was taken from us the next year but came back to Stouffville in 1944, and has reposed in this town ever since.

We understand that three judges chosen from various parts of the two provinces do the judging individually; then come together to compare notes and points. Out of a possible 100 points The Tribune was given 86, and our nearest competitor 75 points.

Not all issues of the year are examined by the judges. The newspaper is requested to submit three back issues, printed during the year, dates of issue withheld until just before judging time. This prevents any paper from putting out a specially dressed paper for the occasion.

In addition to it having been conceded that Stouffville has the best weekly newspaper in any town in the two provinces with population of 1500 or less, The Tribune also has the largest circulation of any newspaper in Ontario in towns up to 2,000 population.

11.30 p.m. having held the night session in lieu of the Saturday afternoon meeting when members wished to attend Aurora Horse Show.

Estimated Two Million Trees in Vivian Forest



A stand of Scotch pines along the fire guard road at Vivian forest, is part of the right-of-way traversed by members of

York County Council last Thursday on an inspection of the property, which is operated for the county by the Dept. of

Mines & Forests. More than 2,000,000 trees in Whitechurch have been planted to the project.