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Whitchurch Greyhound is Tops



36 greyhounds were raced in the first meet held by the Ontario Greyhounds Assoc. The dogs sped over the course in 32 to 36 seconds. "Percy Brown" owned by Norah Gordon Clark

of 9th con., Whitchurch just north of Stouffville romped home in the sixth race in 32 seconds. Percy Brown was declared winner of the meet. The Stouffville dog is shown here.

Council Demands Grader On Order Two Years

Thirty-Five Jute Boxes Operated in Whitchurch Township, and these Supply most of the Music for Dance Halls George Davies Tells the Council

Whitchurch council on Saturday listened to a delegation on a drainage problem at Wilcox Lake, then concluded that it was more or less a private matter, and requiring the services of an engineer. The delegation urged the lowering of Wilcox Lake which this year is at the highest level in a long time, and draining certain swampy areas to make the land available for more summer residents.

From Musselman's Lake, George Davies, proprietor of Cedar Beach Dance Gardens, congratulated council on its recent dance hall by-law, and warned that there should be no discrimination in its application to all halls. He said there are 35 jute boxes in the township, and from five to eight per cent of dancing was to this kind of music.

"We are pleased to receive your congratulations," said Reeve Evans, "and we realize that there are faulty spots in the bylaw but these will be straightened out, and there will be no discrimination. The solicitor is delving into the matter right now," he concluded.

Vern Davies asked the council to provide the machinery for collecting costs from ratepayers on two new roads which they wished improved, and for which the ratepayers are willing to pay all expenses.

Herb. Beach and Ivan Pattenden, part time constables, are now off the list since their term is ended, and council instructed the clerk to so notify them.

Eric Tidman for the Caterpillar Company with which firm an order for a new maintained was placed two years ago, was put on the spot, and given two weeks to announce a definite delivery date, otherwise council warned that the order would be withdrawn and some other make of machine that is obtainable would be bought. Tidman promised to do his best to exact a delivery date from the company within the prescribed time. Cost of the grader and plow when the order was placed was \$12,925. This is now increased by \$2,475 it was noted.

"We are not to be made the goats," said Deputy Reeve Logan. "If this firm cannot do something, let the council take action, the people demand it," he declared. Everybody was in accord that two more weeks be allotted the Caterpillar company, as suggested by Reeve Evans.

Notification from the County of York asking council's consent to a proposed Health Unit Bylaw for the northern municipalities, was not given at this time. Instead, the clerk was instructed to write the Ontario Dept. of Health about the matter. If a health unit is set up, each municipality will be assessed nine-tenths of a mill, annually, but would have no further expenses in connection with health matters. The Unit proposes to set up a permanent office for the northern municipalities, maintain three doctors, a battery of nurses, and

several inspectors. They would take over the duties of school nurses, medical officers of health, and exert greater authority, they say, over health matters. Every rural school would be under the supervision of the Unit which would be held responsible for the sanitation of schools, restaurants, lake resorts, etc. in the North York area.

Sheep killing dogs—damaged one animal for Stanley Mitchell, Ringwood, and killed another, and for Hugh Canning, 6th concession farmer, killed one sheep. Canning was compensated \$15 and Mitchell \$13, on the valuation of J. A. Clarke.

Markham Agricultural Society was given a grant of \$25 for the 1947 fall fair.

Reeve Evans looked serious when it was announced that \$15.95 was spent for buying feed for pheasants and over \$100 spent on erecting pens in the township. "A doubtful investment," said one of the members. Receipts from pheasant licenses may be more than used up meeting this expense which includes the costs of constables or wardens on the days of the annual hunt.

Markham Truck Driver Collides with Train

Harry Eade of Victoria Square was injured on Monday when a C.N.R. work train smashed the front end of a five-ton milk truck he was driving at the Lake Wilcox sideroad crossing. The truck was tossed 20 feet by the force of the impact and a half-load of full milk cans were scattered over the road. Eade was pulled out of the demolished truck by five train crew who stopped the train to assist him.

"He complained his back hurt," said Jack Gamble, who arrived on the scene just after the accident. "Less than an hour later he was driving another milk truck to complete his route for his employer, Sanderson on the 5th of Markham. "It's a very bad crossing," added Gamble. "There is no wig-wag and an approaching train can't be seen until you are on the track and then it's too late, as Eade found out. He admitted as he was pulled out of the truck that he was a mighty lucky man."

Popular Young Couple Wed

Rev. G. H. Thomas officiated at a double ring ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Maxwell on Sept. 12, 1947, when their daughter, Nora Elizabeth was united in marriage to James Seamen Woods, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woods, Markham. The bride looked charming in a turquoise blue crepe dress and a corsage of American beauty roses. Mrs. J. H. Coulson, sister of the bride, was matron of honour, and wore a beaumonts wine dress with a corsage of ophelin roses. Erwin Clarke, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man. During the signing of the register Mrs. Erwin Clarke sang "I'll Walk Beside You." At the reception the bride's mother received in a blue crepe dress and corsage of pink roses while the groom's mother chose a beige jersey dress with a corsage of pink roses. Following the reception the couple left on a motor trip.

Walter Dickson Buried on Monday

The death of Walter Dickson at the Brierbush Hospital on Friday, Sept. 12, 1947, came as a welcome release from a long period of suffering. Although only in his 64th year Mr. Dickson, (known to everybody in town as Walt.) broke down a few years ago, and a period of steady decline continued to the end.

He was born on the Dickson place almost opposite the hospital where he spent his final days. A bachelor, and son of the late Henry Dickson and his wife Catharine McKennell, Walter spent all his life on the home place. His father operated a blacksmith shop on the place half a century ago, and when old enough Walter worked the land in connection with the place. He was an excellent farmer, a great lover of children, and was never too busy to give them a ride behind his farm team. In fact he scarcely was ever seen without one or more riding whatever conveyance he happened to be using.

The late Henry Dickson who settled in Stouffville 67 years ago, died in 1923, and his wife in 1931. A son William Henry died in 1896, and left to survive Walter are two sisters, Bessie and Nellie, at home, also four brothers, David in British Columbia, George of Edmonton, Jack of Long Branch, and Roy in Toronto.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor Rev. D. Davis, assisted by Rev. E. Morton. The pall bearers were Messrs. Lud Hoover, Percy Brillinger, Harry Paisley, Albert E. Booth, Chris Armstrong, and A. V. Nolan, old friends and neighbors.

Theatre Gravel Contract in Hands Of Local Firm

Twenty trucks have been engaged in hauling gravel from the big pit just north of Stouffville at Gravel Hill, for the Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co., to the site of the new open air theatre in Scarborough just west of Sullivan's Corners on the Lansing cutoff road.

The local company has the contract for thousands of yards of gravel for the theatre floor that conducts the cars to their individual ramps.

The new theatre will be the only one of its kind in Ontario, in that at each ramp or parking station, there will be a post with individual loud speaker, so that the passengers may control the volume or sound to their liking while sitting in their cars watching the picture on the big open air stage or screen.

The gravel contract given the local firm is the largest thing that has come out of the pit here.

M.B.C. Conference In Daily Session at Stouffville Church

Delegates Deliberate on Divorce and Moving Picture Problems

Rev. H.S. Hallman extended a warm welcome to the many delegates at the opening of the 64th annual sessions of the Ontario Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, meeting this week in the Stouffville church. The gathering opened on Monday with the ministerial convention, when Rev. C.R. Lehman conducted a lively song service with Rev. J. H. Good at the piano. The devotional part was conducted by Rev. H. C. Bowdway.

"Make full proof of thy Ministry," was the basis of the address of the guest speaker Rev. C. F. Derstine of Kitchener, Tuesday, who implored the ministers and teachers to make Christ and His gospel the centre of all their teaching.

At another session Mr. Derstine spoke on divorce and moving pictures, bringing the address to a close with an open discussion led by Rev. S. S. Shantz.

When the conference proper opened Tuesday afternoon Rev. R. A. Beach of Vineland, chairman, presided. The first business was the appointment of committees. Reports were heard from the district superintendents Rev. R. A. Beach, Rev. S. S. Shantz, and Rev. H. S. Hallman, and Rev. P. G. Lehman, indicating progress all along the line.

Letters were read from missionaries in the various fields throughout the world, and prayers were offered on their behalf. Among the messages received was letter from Dr. John and (Mrs.) Dr. Jean Erb of Toronto.

The meetings continue daily until Sunday morning. The attendance represents every church in the conference. Delegates are billeted around town and meals are served in the basement prepared in the new kitchen just being completed at the rear of the church as an extension to the building.

One Man is Killed and Five Injured Including Former Minister

Rev. W. M. McGuire Taken to Hospital in Lansing Suffering Concussion - Drove from a Side Road into Path of Car on Highway - Bleeding Profusely he Offers Prayers for Killed and Injured

Ithica, N.Y., Sept.—One man was killed and five other persons, including a Lansing minister and his son, were injured in an automobile collision six miles south of Lansing on highway US 27 at four o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Louis Petermark, 55 of Detroit, was instantly killed, his wife and two other passengers were taken to hospital at Alma. Mrs. Petermark suffering a broken arm, and the others in their car were severely cut and bruised.

Mr. McGuire, (former M.B.C. minister at Stouffville) now superintendent of the Nazarene churches of Michigan, sustained a concussion, and his son Wayne, aged 14, suffered a fractured skull. Both were taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital, at St. Johns.

According to eye witness, McGuire's car came off a side road into the path of the Petermark car on the highway. Bleeding profusely McGuire offered prayers for the dead and wounded before he was overcome.

Rev. Mr. McGuire lives at 401 West Barnes Avenue, Lansing, Mich., and is widely known in the Stouffville district where scores of friends will be grieved to learn about his misfortune.

Vivian President Buried at Second Line

Resident of Whitchurch Township for some years, Seldon Rendall died at the Aged Peoples Home, Yonge street, on Sept. 10, and was brought to Second Markham Baptist Cemetery where he was laid away. Rev. N. Rowan who had taken an interest in the unfortunate man, who apparently had no near relatives, excepting a sister in the United States, made the funeral arrangements, and conducted the service.

Mr. Rendall was in his 64th year, and resided in the Vivian district for a good many years. He lived alone until he decided to enter the home where he received more of the comforts of life.

SOLD SMALL FARM

Mr. Wm. Pitman who bought a 55 acre farm on the sideroad just north of town several years ago, when he was in the butchering business here, has disposed of the place to a Toronto buyer. The deal was consummated by Harvey Moyer for the Willoughby agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman intend to move to the southern states, and may make their permanent home there. In any event they will be down there for next winter. Mrs. Pitman, a daughter of the late Ollie Forsyth and a sister of the town barber was born and raised here.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Barkey spent a few days visiting in Rochester, travelling by bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boyd of Queensville, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bartholomew of Stouffville, visited in Oakville on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bartholomew.

Nearly 350 Exhibits for Horticultural Exhibition

After being suspended for several years owing to war conditions, the annual flower show of the Stouffville Horticultural Society was held last Thursday. Instead of setting up the display in the rink, which was found to be too damp and otherwise unfit for such an exhibition, without a great deal of work being done to fit up the premises, the United Church basement was made use of. While the quarters there were somewhat cramped, the show was pleasing to those who attended, and provided excellent exhibition of floral beauty, that surprises the flower lovers.

Just about 350 entries were made, and this was beyond expectations, having in view that the organization has not been functioning until last year since war started, and remembering the wet spring and recent drought. The expression on the lips of many were, "why who would have thought that such beautiful flowers could have been found in the locality after the kind of weather we have been experiencing."

The judges were Percy Bone of Thornhill, and Robt. Little of Richmond Hill.

As usual, the Glads perhaps overshadowed all other blooms in point of interest. Best spike in the show was a rare specimen of Aladdin, which the judges said surpassed the best they saw at the C.N.E. two weeks ago.

No less than 20 entries were made in the miniature bouquet class so the winners had to be good in such wide competition. This was the last.

Mrs. Ross Vague, Mrs. Lloyd single class in the show. Turner, Mrs. Win Timbers and Mrs. M. Storey each won over 20 points highest of all exhibitors.

The exhibition concluded with an interesting short program, presided over by President E. R. Good.

Asters, light shades, double, Mrs. Turner, Marjory Nicely, E. Davis; Asters, dark shades, double, Mrs. Turner, M. Nicely, Mrs. Raxlin.

Balsam, Mrs. Turner, Geo. Saunders, Mrs. Thomas.

Begonia, Tuberosus, Mrs. D. Ratcliff, Esther Davis.

Calendula, Mrs. W. Timbers, Mrs. B. Tait, Mrs. St. John.

Cosmos—Mrs. M. Storey.

Dahlia, 1 bloom—Mrs. M. Storey.

Margery Mertens, E. R. Good.

Dahlia, 3 blooms—Mrs. R. Ratcliff, Mrs. M. Storey, Mrs. Walter Gray.

Delphinium, 1 spike—Mrs. Tim-

bers, Mrs. Gray, Lorne Gillion. Delphinium, 3 spikes—Mrs. W. Gray, Roy Grove.

Carnations—Mrs. Turner, Jean Pipher, Marjorie Nicely.

Glad, white, 1 spike—Mrs. A. V. Nolan; white, 3 spikes; Mrs. R. Vague; light, 1 spike—Mrs. R. Vague, M. Mertens, Mrs. W. Timbers; light, 3 spikes—Mrs. W. Timbers, Lorne Gillion; pink, 1 spike—Mrs. R. Vague; Jean Pipher, Mrs. W. Gray; pink, 3 spikes—Mrs. R. Vague; red, 1 spike—Mrs. A. Paisley, Mrs. R. Vague, Mrs. W. Gray; red, 3 spikes; M. Mertens, Mrs. R. Vague, M. Nicely; yellow, 1 spike—A. V. Nolan, Helen Nicely, Mrs. D. Ratcliff; yellow, 3 spikes—H. Nicely, Mrs. E. Baker; purple, 1 spike—Mrs. R. Vague; purple, 3 spikes—Mrs. R. Vague; bronze, 1 spike—Mrs. R. Bone, Bertha Winn, Mrs. R. Vague; bronze, 3 spikes—Mrs. R. Vague; picardy, 1 spike—Mrs. F. Ratcliff, Mrs. R. Grove, Mrs. W. Timbers; picardy, 3 spikes—Mrs. R. Vague, Mrs. W. Timbers, Mrs. F. Ratcliff; best spike in the show by A. V. Nolan; 6 spikes—Mrs. R. Vague, Mrs. R. Ratcliff.

Hydrangea—Mrs. E. Baker, Jean Pipher.

African Marigold—Mr. Geo. Saunders.

French Marigold—Mrs. Timbers, Mrs. O. Lehman, Mrs. A. Paisley.

Nasturtium—Anne Lehman, Mrs. E. Baker.

Annual Phlox—Mrs. W. Timbers.

Rose, Polyanthus—Mr. F. Wood-

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MARKHAM RESIDENT DEAD

Eighty-four-year old William H. Dark of Markham died Sunday. He is the father of Mrs. Ernie Reeve also of Delbert Dark and is survived by them and his wife.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Edna Viola, youngest daughter of Mr. Alfred MacDonald and the late Mrs. MacDonald of Goodwood, Ont., to William Myrtle Westervelt, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Westervelt of Mount Forest, Ont., wedding to take place on Nov. 15, 1947, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bunston in Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mantion wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret Louise to James Russell Domina, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Domina. The marriage will take place Sept. 27, at 3:45 o'clock in Christ Church, Deer Park, Toronto.

St. James Pulpit to be Declared Vacant Sunday

Rev. Eric Larson, pastor of Stouffville Presbyterian congregation, will be seeking a new charge, and the congregation a new pastor after next Sunday, when the Moderator will take the service here at 9:45 and during the course of the meeting formally declare the pulpit vacant.

"A multiplicity of small things" was blamed by Rev. J. Wasson, pastor of Calvin Presbyterian church, Toronto, for the resignation given the Toronto Presbytery by Rev. Eric Larson, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Markham, and St. James, Stouffville. Mr. Wasson led a committee which investigated complaints from the congregation.

"There is nothing against his character," Mr. Wasson continued. "You couldn't put your finger on one specific thing."

Mr. Larson refused to comment on the resignation, other than to say that it was incorrect to say he was from the U.S. as Mr. Wasson had been quoted. "We feel he really was brought up in the U.S. Presbyterian church," Mr. Wasson explained.

He added that, for that reason, Mr. Larson perhaps was unfamiliar with the rights and functions of the session and other official bodies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mr. Larson, born in Denmark, admitted he had studied in the U.S. Before his 14 months' pastorate at Markham, he had been three-and-one-half years at Madoc.

The minister explained his resignation was not effective for a month and he "probably would" explain it to his congregation before then.

Mr. Wasson explained a committee of counsel and reference had taken up Mr. Larson's case last May and "Mr. Larson didn't keep an agreement" with the committee. Now the congregation comes along and says "what's to be done about it?" and it comes before the presbytery.

Mr. Wasson added that the committee had felt in May that the matter was settled, and "the congregation had felt it was settled. We felt Mr. Larson was under a moral obligation and he didn't keep it."

L.M. Freeman, who headed a committee from the congregations to protest against Mr. Larson's continuing in the charge, said, "I'm friendly to Mr. Larson, but it was for the benefit of the congregation that his resignation should be received, and he agreed. He is a fine Christian gentleman, and this is just a matter of misunderstanding."

Lady Bowlers Here Have Fine Record

The Ladies section of the Stouffville Bowling Club have been doing some fine playing this season in that they have won three trophies, and placed third for three wins out of 36 rinks for the Bradley Gold Cup at Oshawa last week. This last rink was skipped by Mrs. Wm. Birkett and viced by Mrs. Gordon Lemon, while the lead and second players were, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Beare of Clarendon. The Simpson Co. trophy was won last week at Agincourt by Mrs. Birkett's rink with Mrs. Crossen and Mrs. Jennings as lead and vice. The other two trophies were won by rinks skipped by Mrs. Lemon, the Lyons Cup at Newmarket and the Simpson Cup presented by our own club.

Two rinks played at Newmarket last week for the Mulock Cup. However, they didn't return with the Cup, but Mrs. Watts' rink was high for two wins, and Mrs. Hoover's rink was high for one win.

All members eligible to play are asked to remember the trebles tournament on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., and to let the games committee have their names by Friday noon. This is the last tournament of the season. On Monday evenings there are games for every bowler and anyone interested in becoming bowlers. Last Monday evening, the fruit given as prizes, was donated by Mr. Glen Ratcliff.

CLAREMONT HORSES TOPS AT DETROIT

Clydesdale horses purchased from Mr. Nelson Wagg of Clarendon by the Goebels Brewery, Detroit, captured the big share of the prizes at the Exhibition there in the heavy horse classes. They were first for 6-horse teams, 4-horse teams, 2-horse teams, and first, second, third and fourth in the Clydesdale halter class.