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New Fire Truck Now On Duty Here

A modern new fire engine arrived in Stouffville last week, and is now standing sentinel in the fire hall. Fire chief Del. Jennings and the boys of the brigade have been busy every night demonstrating the prowess of the new fire fighting equipment, and they pronounce it superb.

The new \$7,000 outfit when fitted with a thousand feet of hose from the stock pile at the hall, will look like \$10,000 rolling along the road. Since council placed an order for the outfit last spring the price has advanced \$550, but the Stouffville order was protected under the original price.

Besides the latest fog nozzles and fire extinguishers, the machine carries 260 gallons of water, and will do duty in Stouffville and the eastern side of Whitechurch township under an agreement with that municipality, who are paying \$250 per year standby time, plus \$40 per fire.

The enlarged area and additional revenue warranted the council in proceeding with the purchase of this equipment which is the equal of anything being used today in the county of York. In fact it is superior equipment to most outfits.

Some changes will be made to the entrance to the fire hall so that both the new engine and the one that did duty before can be housed. The old engine will serve as an auxiliary.

The water capacity is a valuable addition. It is not only useful equipment in the country, but right in town there is always the possibility that a hydrant might fail, or a fire break out during one of those times that the water is shut off for making a repair to the mains. Then the tank water would prove most valuable.

The new outfit is capable of developing 200 pounds. In fact a trial test on its arrival proved it could develop much more than the guarantee, or a pressure that would tear fire hose to pieces.

Chemicals are being replaced today on modern engines by fog nozzles, but this machine is equipped with both. A speed of sixty-five miles an hour can be attained, but it is not advisable to travel at such speed, fire officials say.

The new fire equipment will put at rest the constant demand and threats of the Fire Underwriters' Association for lack of equipment. The present outfit exceeds the Underwriters' demands and will easily enable the district to retain present rates on fire premiums, if it does not reduce them.

The Township of Whitechurch has a map in course of preparation showing the fire area. Stouffville will serve, and one of these will be placed in every home. Those on the west side of the township will have the service of the Aurora fire department just as those on the east will be serviced from Stouffville. If a farmer on this side of the township requires to ring in an alarm, he calls the telephone operator who can touch off the big siren at the fire hall before receiver on the farmer's phone can be hung up. The firemen respond to the big alarm, and on reaching the fire hall enquire over the private wire there for the location of the fire, then away they go.

Re-organize Christian Men's Fellowship

A group of Christian men gathered in the Stouffville Mennonite Church on Monday evening to organize the Stouffville and District Men's Fellowship for 1947-48, and elect a new slate of officers.

Three or four years ago a small group of Christian men decided to start what was called the "Stouffville Christian Business Men's Fellowship." Two or three weeks ago, last year's executive met and decided that the time had come for expansion. Accordingly, between twenty-five and thirty invitations were sent out to men who were thought to be interested in the Markham, Vivian, Mount Albert, Altona and Claremont districts. About fifteen men responded to the invitations sent out and from their number the following officers were elected:

President, Lambert Stouffer; 1st Vice-President, Alvin Farmer; 2nd Vice-President, Bert Miller; secretary, Chas. Ratcliff; Treasurer, Arthur Steckley; Organist, Clarion Baker; Song Leader, Alvin Farmer; Press Correspondent, Edw. Lewis.

It is expected that the first meeting of the Fellowship will be held in November. Further announcement of this will be made at a later date.

Accident Victims Condition Improving

The six young people who were injured in a motor accident a week ago Saturday, when their car turned over travelling down the 9th concession of Whitechurch at Bloomington, are making good recovery. Ken Anthony most seriously injured of the group, and who was unconscious for days, is progressing favorably, while his cousin John Anthony, is quite recovered. Norma Cowie of Whitechurch suffered more serious injury than the press report indicated last week. Besides stitches in her knee, she received a deep gash in one hand, and a piece of flesh was torn from her heel. Despite her condition Norma was first to render aid to the other passengers, and continued to do so until she was overcome at which time help arrived.

Death Takes Aged Mother on Eve of Eighty-third Birthday

Resting in her casket at the home of her son Wesley on Main Street, Stouffville, on her 83rd birthday on Tuesday, Mrs. Israel Schell, died on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, following a steady period of declining health. The funeral this Wednesday afternoon will proceed to Heise Hill church and cemetery for service and interment. Rev. D. Davis and Rev. M. Bricker will conduct the service.

Mrs. Schell was a native of Richmond Hill, her maiden name being Priscilla Lyons. After her marriage to Israel Schell, the couple lived in various places. It was during their residence at Grimsby in 1913 that her husband met death in a street car crossing accident. Mrs. Schell was of a family of twelve, and there have been seven deaths in the family within three years.

Two surviving sisters of Mrs. Schell live in Aurora, two brothers and two sisters in Toronto, and a brother in the United States.

Mrs. Schell is also survived by two sons, Wesley, proprietor of Stouffville Planing Mills, and Harvey, retail butcher, both of Stouffville, and two daughters Mrs. Ida Carter, Toronto, and Mrs. Stanley Silver, Unionville.

Markham Taxes Due Oct. 15, Ratepayers Are Reminded

Markham Council were more or less shocked when told that they might be embroiled in an action for damages if the truck of some contractor became involved in an accident, when hauling material for the municipality.

"I think every contractor engaged by this township has his trucks insured, and I cannot imagine how we could be made responsible for his trucks," observed Reeve Hooper, when council was in session Monday.

The insurance agent said the township had its own trucks insured with proper coverage, but another type of policy would protect the municipality against action that might be brought jointly against a contractor and the township.

It looks like an insurance racket, said a councillor. It is just piling up insurance charges even though the cost is only \$20 per annum extra.

Councillor Timbers and Councillor Griffin both moved to reject the suggested policy which was the unanimous opinion.

In the road accounts passed for payment was an item of \$1569 for repairing the Langstaff bridge, and \$4,297 for 3306 yards of gravel from Frank Roberts. The rate is \$1.30 per yard, according to contract.

Attention was called to the earlier payment of taxes this year. They are due and payable not later than October 15, after which date a penalty of interest rates on borrowed money from the bank, it was pointed out. Notices will be in the current issues of the weeklies reminding the tax payers of the last date of payment without penalty.

Frank Marriot addressed council on the weed situation, and the advisability of purchasing a spray-outfit. Reeve Hooper put out the suggestion that every farmer should be required to cut the weeds fronting his property, for which he would be allowed a stated amount. Those that do not cut would have a similar amount added to their tax bills. "It's just an idea," said the reeve.

Deputy Reeve Dalton Rumney said he felt weeds could be sprayed cheaper that they could be cut. No action was taken.

Anniversary Speaker



Rev. John A. Redmond, distinguished minister in the United States, will deal with the subject, "Religion in a Changing World," at the morning service in the United Church next Sunday on the occasion of its 55th anniversary. In the evening his subject will be, "When God Forgets." Mr. Redmond is an outstanding preacher and lecturer with a marvelous personality. Pastor of a large church in Niagara Falls, N.Y., he finds time to deliver sermons over the air, and is also a contributor to the devotional booklet, "The Upper Room."

The service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. will undoubtedly be very largely attended next Sunday at Stouffville United Church.

Want Independent Assessment Court

A majority of Markham Township councillors favor appointment of a Court of Revision to sit on the assessment roll independent of any councillors.

Almost since the municipality was incorporated, the members of councils formed the court to hear appeals against assessments. However, there is to be a change this year, favored by all the council excepting Councillor V. Griffin, who maintains that members of council should use this means to back the assessment officers, and take the consequences.

The Township of Pickering is giving consideration to taking similar action. Under the new system of assessment in Ontario County some thirty appeals have so far been filed.

Car Springs into Flames A Total Loss

Proceeding west toward Goodwood when he was engaged to work with Morley-Symes, Isaac Smith's automobile caught fire, and he had just time to jump out before the whole thing was enveloped. Mr. Smith lost a new sweater coat and some of his carpentering tools, as well as the car. The wreck was towed away later, while the owner promptly made the purchase of another used car.

Follows Wife to Grave Within Few Weeks

Farmer on the 8th concession of Markham, south of the village a couple of miles, Horace Benedict, in his 66th year, died in the Brierbush Hospital on Tuesday evening. His wife predeceased him by only a few weeks, at which time Mr. Benedict was in poor health.

Funeral will be from R. G. Clendenning's, Markham, to Paris cemetery near Brantford this Friday afternoon.

Horticultural Society Would Beautify the Station Lot

The property owned by the village of Stouffville on the east side of the C.N.R. station yard, could be made a beautiful small park, and with its advantageous situation, would add greatly to the attractiveness of the community, so explained President E. R. Good of the Stouffville Horticultural Society, addressing the reeve and council on Thursday evening. Mr. Good said the society would manage the work of transforming the lot into a place of beauty if council would turn it over to their care.

The president was supported in his request by Mr. H. O. Klinck and Mr. Bert Miller.

The reeve commended the delegation and the society for their public spiritedness, and promised to give the matter consideration. The obstacles were that the back end of the lot is being used for storing hydro transformers, and hydro poles, also that the building on the front while only holding monthly tenancy would have to be allowed some time to get off.

Councillor J. Smits and Hugh Boyd were agreeable to the society improving the front half of the property, and making it the attractive place it might be.

Council made a grant of \$50 to the society's funds for this year, which was the amount the delegation requested.

Official Results of Local TB Survey

In June this year, a chest x-ray survey was conducted by the National Sanitarium Association sponsored by the Lions, among the residents of Stouffville and the surrounding area. Altogether 1995 individuals received chest x-ray examinations, free of charge. During the summer the Association continued the work in other communities in the Counties of York and Simcoe, districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka, resulting in a total of 42,711 x-rays.

In the recent Stouffville survey 9 persons were found to show x-ray evidence of tuberculosis of the lungs. Clinical examinations revealed that three were presently inactive. A further eight showed presumptive evidence, and six others required further examinations. The contact of those with possibly active or inactive tuberculosis are being examined, if not x-rayed in the survey, to find possible sources of infection. It is considered quite remarkable, that no active cases have yet been found.

In addition to the discovery of those having tuberculosis of the lungs, 30 persons were found to have non-tuberculous diseases of the lungs, such as bronchiectasis, atypical pneumonia, lung tumours, enlarged hearts, etc. A number of others (approximately 72) were found to have less significant abnormalities, such as previous pleurisy, or slight calcifications in the lungs.

The success of the Stouffville x-ray survey was largely due to the very thorough planning by the sponsors, the Stouffville Lions Club and the splendid response of various groups volunteering assistance. Many voluntary canvassers were required to carry out the house to house calling, to secure the co-operation of individuals for chest x-ray examinations.

The successful completion of such an endeavour speaks well for the neighborhood and probably encouraged the community spirit.

Impressive Service and Parade Mark Laying of Memorial Hall Cornerstone

The weather man smiled on the efforts of Stouffville Legion when they staged a drumhead service in memorial park here on Sunday afternoon, preceded by a ceremony at the memorial hall when Rt. Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of veterans affairs in the Dominion Government was present and participated in the ceremony.

President of the Stouffville Legion George Abell presided and called on Warden Charlie Hooper of York County and Reeve A. V. Nolan of Stouffville, after which the distinguished guest laid the cornerstone for the new hall being built near the corner of 9th concession and Main street. The ceremony was witnessed by a thousand people.

Legionnaires from all over York County paraded for the occasion, assisted by Markham Bugle Band and Newmarket Citizens' band, color bearers from various Legions made the parade very spectacular.

The procession formed at the C.N.R. station yard and proceeded west to the site of the hall. Following the ceremony there, the lines reformed and proceeded down Main street to Memorial Park, for a drumhead service, where the Minister was the chief speaker. He recalled the day in 1925 when Dominion Parliament stood as a man to adopt a resolution of which he was the originator and sponsor. It brought into being the Canadian Legion. Since that day 75,000 have received vocational training, and 50,000 university courses, Mr. Mackenzie told the audience of over fifteen hundred.

The distinguished visitor touched the hearts of Stouffvillites at the outset of his address when he said, "although I come from British Columbia, I have never seen anywhere a more beautiful and attractive Main street in any village."

Dr. Ball presided at this gathering, and Rev. D. Davis, Rev. Frank Herman and Rev. K. Perdue took part in the service. Jack Smith, M.P. introduced the guest speaker and Major Lex Mackenzie, M.P.P. spoke briefly. L. Curling of Newmarket sounded the Last-Post that brought the service to a close.

A collection of nearly \$300 was lifted to help along the building of the memorial hall, following a strong appeal made by Rev. D. Davis in support of the effort of the boys. The fund is still open and donations are needed to meet the expenses of building the superstructure, now the foundation is built.

At the saluting base in front of the post office Major Harold Breuls took the salute.

Fifty Years Married in Markham Township

The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. N. Reesor, Locust Hill, was an especially active one on Monday, this week when relatives and friends gathered to the number of about 90, to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of this esteemed couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Reesor were born within a stone throw of each other on 10th concession, Markham, she being the former Laura Forester, daughter of Anthony Forester.

They farmed on this concession for many years or until their retirement. An only son Herbert lives at Dickson Hill, and their three daughters are Mrs. John Torrance, Locust Hill, Mrs. Frank Robb, 8th con., Markham, and Mrs. F. Sayles, Welland.

Mrs. Morgan of Port Credit will address the Horticultural Society on Friday evening, in United Church

Ottawa Photographer Will Locate Here

The Dr. Smith residence on Main street, one door west of Dr. S. S. Ball's, was sold last week to Mr. J. Johnston of Ottawa, whose mother was the former Victoria Bruels of Ringwood, and is now a resident of Toronto. Mr. Johnston is a professional photographer and intends to establish his studio in connection with his residence. The Johnston family will move from Ottawa shortly and take up their new residence here.

It will be recalled that Dr. Neil Smith moved from the old home just sold only recently to his newly acquired property on O'Brien avenue and known as the Mrs. McCullough residence.

All Records Broken at Markham Fair

All records were shattered in matter of attendance at Markham fair last week over any year in its history, when 25,000 people passed through the gates, to make this the banner year.

There were in addition to the excellent gate receipts 1,548 paid admissions to the dance in the evening, which set up another record that will take some beating.

Despite the record attendance on Friday and Saturday, the grounds handled the crowd with as much ease as other years, due to the better arrangement and spread of the exhibits and parking facilities.

Native of Uxbridge Township Dead

The death of Edward Pugh which occurred suddenly at Oshawa General Hospital on Monday this week, removes a member of a very old and well known family of Uxbridge township. He was in his 63rd year, and will be buried in Uxbridge cemetery today, Thursday.

The deceased was married to Eva Morden of Uxbridge and lived in Toronto for many years. Besides his wife there survives three sons, Lloyd, Donald and Edward. Mr. Pugh was a brother to Messrs. Alfred and David Pugh of Stouffville, also William, Arthur and Adrain, and to Mrs. Bert Sharpe.

Councillor Critical of Adoption of 1947 Voters' List for Nov.

The adoption of a resolution at a previous meeting of Markham Township council provided the background for a verbal battle at the October assembly on Monday afternoon, presided over by Reeve and Warden Chas. Hooper. The resolution adopted the 1947 voters list for the new election, because the 1948 lists are not ready.

Councillor Griffin, protested the step taken, and charged that Clerk Chas. Hooper pushed it through council. He said it was an effort to bar voters, or words to that effect. However, he said that if the clerk would arrange to have the changes that had taken place since the 1947 lists were printed, added to the list to be used this coming November (the township uses the earlier election date,) he would be satisfied.

When the arguments and charges flew across too fast Reeve Hooper promised to cut off the discussion as useless, and leading nowhere. This the reeve did shortly after, when he said he was not blaming anybody for the situation in which the voters list is in. It is the same in many other municipalities, all due to two assessments being made in 1948, according to the new ruling or statutes. To follow the Act was a physical impossibility, he said. There was not enough time allowed between the return of the roll and election date.

Councillor Timbers said he introduced the resolution to adopt the 1947 roll, and said he, "I resent the statement that the clerk shoved it through."

Mr. Griffin continued saying that if the clerk hadn't enough help he should get more, he knew for some time he required more help.

"I am not ready to take that," said the clerk. "I asked what I was to do. Even now the assessment rolls are not in my hands, and will not likely be in time to be used for a November election."

"The onus is on every elector to see that his name is on the list when it is posted up, one in every school and post office in the township," said the reeve. Further he said council could warn electors through press and we will do everything possible to see that all may vote who are entitled to.



One of the popular teams at Markham fair is this fancy pair belonging to Heber Down, Brooklin. There were nine four-horse teams, largest entry on record in that class was another feature of the fair.