

Assessment Court Sits Next Monday

His Honor Judge Barton will hold an appeal court on Monday morning next at 10 o'clock to hear an assessment appeal filed by Mr. Walter Brillinger against his assessment on land and farm buildings made for 1947. The taxes have been paid on the assessment, but will be refundable in any part if His Honor finds that Mr. Brillinger has been assessed too highly.

Total assessment made by Mr. Blake Sanders is \$2,600. Mr. Brillinger's appeal is directed against the amount levied against the land, which for the 1948 assessment has been reduced, but a corresponding increase was placed against the buildings by Assessor E. R. Good.

Straight Furrow Still Good for Ont. Farms

Pointing out that plowing matches have definite value in improving standards of agriculture, and in raising standards of farming and farm production, J. A. Carroll, Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, which is sponsoring the International Plowing Match in Frontenac County this week, in a statement issued today takes strong exception to an article, headed "Straight Furrow Contributes very little to Farming" which appeared recently in the Globe and Mail, under the signature of Kenneth C. Cragg. Claiming that the heading is not supported by the article, Mr. Carroll says:

"I cannot find any evidence in the article to warrant the statement, 'In the experience of scientific agriculture—it has contributed little if anything to farming or farm production.'"

"We do not quarrel with most of 'what has been said,' says Mr. Carroll, 'but the writer has not said enough, has not covered the field, and has missed the main objective of plowing matches. The first of the objectives is to encourage young farmers to learn how to adjust and use their plows. When they have learned this lesson they will not be satisfied with other implements which are rusty, have dull teeth or are out of adjustment. The turn to greater mechanization emphasizes the importance of having implements in good shape and using them properly. It is significant that during the war, when the agriculture of Britain was put to the supreme test, plowing matches were organized where they had not been conducted for 30 years. Too much fuel and time were being wasted due to improper adjustments of plows and implements."

"Plowmen who have taken part in match plowing at important events of this kind can adapt themselves to the nature of land and its plowing requirements. When Ontario plowmen went to the match in Iowa in 1940, they were assigned American-type plows and were told only the night before the type of furrow expected. With less than an hour for practice and plow adjustment, Fred Timbers of Stouffville, won the championship of the United States. We would expect match plowmen, like Mr. Timbers, to do the best job of contour plowing or any other difficult land cultivation project presented to them."

"The second objective is also very important," says Mr. Carroll. "Match plowing increases pride in the job. No worker can be happy unless he is trying to do his best, and farm work, even plowing, may become drudgery if there is no pride in it."

"There is a saying about 'the proof of the pudding' and we are confident there is sufficient evidence across the Province to prove match plowing has made an invaluable contribution to farming and farm production. In counties where matches are held, with interest in plowing well done, but also in other cultivation, one sees neat, productive farms. But we can be more specific. Champion plowmen are top ranking farmers, with high production yields and fields relatively free from weeds. Some of the top crop men in the Province could be named to illustrate this fact. Match plowmen are much more likely than others to use new implements, such as the 'tiller', or new methods, as suggested in the article, and in fact were among the first to do so."

M. McIntyre Hood, Supervisor of Publicity.

Mrs. Jean Hastings spent her Thanksgiving holiday with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Morningstar near Rala. Mr. Elgin Hastings visited with friends at Tally Ho, Huntsville during the holiday.

Community Stunned Over Sudden Death of Business Man, Hugh Bannerman

Retiring as usual on Saturday evening after closing his place of business, The Five to a Dollar Store after eleven o'clock, Hugh Bannerman was found dead in bed Sunday morning. His sister Miss Mable Bannerman made the terrible discovery. The doctor said he had passed away in his sleep as a result of a thrombosis.

In his 68th year, Mr. Bannerman came to Stouffville ten years ago from Bradford. He opened a Five to a Dollar Store in the Racifix block, and later built his present store in the centre of the business block, and which has proven an asset to the business life of the town. As well as being a leading business man Mr. Bannerman was an official of the United Church, a charter member of the Stouffville Lions Club, and a member of the Board of Education. He was chairman for the annual Salvation Army Red Shield drive, and was just completing this year's undertaking when death intervened.

A man of solid convictions, he always stood by his beliefs, and never hesitated to show his opposition to undertakings that did not meet with his Christian standards. As was said at his funeral service "he rejoiced in the finer things of life, and his quiet manner was a benediction."

Born at Bond Head in the Allison district, he entered business at Bradford where he operated a Five to a Dollar Store. Ten years ago he opened a second store in Stouffville, and turned over the Bradford business to his brother. Only recently he completed the erection of a new residence in town, and had just comfortably settled when the sudden end came.

A bachelor Mr. Bannerman is survived by an only sister Mable Bannerman who was his housekeeper and companion and by a brother George in Bradford.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon from the late home proceeded to the United Church for service, thence to Bond Head cemetery for interment. Rev. D. Davis and Rev. L. E. Atkinson conducted the service. Pall bearers were Messrs. Frank Riches, Harold Spofford, A. E. Weldon, Chas. Nolan, Lloyd Timmer, Garfield Kellington.

MISSIONARY TO CHINA TAKES LOCAL CHARGE

Just returned on furlough from China Mr. F. H. Muir has been called to become pastor of Stouffville Congregational-Christian Church, and is now entered upon his duties.

A young man with a wife and two small boys, Mr. Muir will spend his furlough on this charge, and is now getting settled in the parsonage on Main street east.

The Muirs went to China in 1939 under the China Inland Mission, and have served continuously on that field right up to the present. While taking over the work of the Congregational-Christian Church here, the pastor will attend the University of Toronto taking a special course. He will preach his introductory sermons next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

ATHLETIC CLUB BANQUET

Stouffville Athletic Club will hold a banquet at the High School next Friday evening, Oct. 24th. Guests of the evening will be the players of the four ball teams which operated under the Club this summer. An outstanding sports speaker will be on hand in addition to entertainment. Any citizens desirous of attending are asked to contact Irwin Borinsky, sec.

Summer Homes For the Winter

Reeve L. P. Evans informed his council a few days ago, that no less than 56 or 70 summer cottages at Wilcox Lake would be occupied this winter by city people who, it seemed, can find nowhere else to go.

They will be given a garbage service, for which a special tax will be levied against the homes receiving the service. A similar situation arose at Lake Wilcox last winter when many cottagers were left at the lake over winter. Many of them, it appears, never get concerned about securing a house for the winter until fall arrives, and they find everything in the way of winter quarters, taken up.



Late Hugh Bannerman

Make Popular Choice For Synod Head

A report comes from Charlottetown P.E.I., of special interest to Stouffville people, since Rev. Mr. Somers referred to is the son-in-law of Mrs. Edward Walls, his wife being the former Jessie Walls of this town. The report reads:

"Rev. T. H. Bussell Somers, minister of St. James' Presbyterian Church at Charlottetown, has just been elected moderator of the Maritime Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The election took place at the opening session of the three-day convention. Mr. Somers succeeds Rev. D. W. Macdonald of Mahone Bay, N.S."

A native of Toronto, Mr. Somers is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Knox College, and also of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. He has been minister of St. James' Church there for six years."

FAIRLAWN UNITED VISITED SECOND MARKHAM BAPTIST

The program of sacred music rendered by Fairlawn United Church choir in Second Markham Baptist Church on October 1st was delightfully received. The choir numbers, trios, solos, and readings were greatly enjoyed to the last number. Fairlawn Choir has as its leader Mr. David Tees.

Resident of 70 Years Mrs. Vanzant Gone

A home that has continuously held sway and been an attractive setting in the community for exactly sixty years, was broken this week when Mrs. Henry Vanzant passed away in her 87th year. She would have reached her 87th birthday on the second day of next month.

Born at Sharon, Mrs. Vanzant came to Stouffville as a bride of 17. Her maiden name was Julia Brammer, and her husband who died many years ago was an agent with an extensive business here. Surviving the mother are three daughters, Mrs. Ida Kydd who has tenderly cared for her mother over her latter years, also Mrs. Roe (May) and Mrs. Campbell (Ella) both in Western Canada, and an only son Norval Vanzant of Winnipeg. All three western members of the family flew home on Sunday on being informed of the serious condition of their mother. They reached here before the elderly lady passed on.

Mrs. Vanzant will always be remembered as a good neighbor, a fine house keeper, and her home and premises have always been a model of neatness down through the years. While living in the present house since it was built sixty years ago, Mrs. Vanzant has actually been in town 70 years which is probably longer than any other person of her great age. She possessed a keen mind up to the end, remembered vividly incidents of the early days, and never lost interest in her friends and neighbors.

A staunch Presbyterian, she took a keen interest in church affairs until only very recently when her physical condition became such that she was unable to get down town very much. She was a splendid conversationalist, and being a great reader, she kept herself well informed.

Mrs. John McKinnon Ill Only Short Time

The death of Mrs. John McKinnon at the Brierbush Hospital on Wednesday evening last week, brought to a close a life which had been lived in Stouffville since young womanhood, or over fifty years. Mrs. McKinnon was in her 82nd year, and passed away following a week or two in the hospital where she was taken when overcome by a stroke.

Born in the locality of Ballantrae she was a daughter of pioneer farmers to that district. Her maiden name was Lucinda Davis. At an early age she united in marriage with John McKinnon, and the couple lived at Ringwood, also just south-east of Stouffville for some years until they located in the east end, and maintained an attractive home and grounds during their active days. Like her husband, Mrs. McKinnon worked hard on the land, operating an extensive market garden. Her husband died in 1939, and on Friday Rev. E. Morton conducted the funeral service for the wife who found a last resting place in the family plot beside her husband. Pall bearers were Messrs. Lud Hoover, Chris. Armswong, Fred Crossen, Wm. Taylor, also two nephews from the Davis family.

Surviving is an only daughter Mrs. W. Taylor of Toronto, a son having predeceased the mother just a few years ago. The McKinnon home in the east end of Stouffville was for long years quite a show place, and former residents will recall its well kept hedges and grounds.

Dogs Prefer Lamb For Fall Diet

Two mutton-eating dogs attacked the sheep fold on the farm of Mr. J. A. Clark, 6th concession, Whitechurch, on no less than three occasions recently, taking a toll of eight sheep killed, three injured, and flock damage of \$10. The township council in session Saturday awarded Mr. Clark \$145, the amount of his claim.

Two dogs attacking the sheep have been shot, one by Ross Hood and one by L. L. Peterson. The sharpshooters were paid \$5 each, the township reward for killing dogs caught attacking sheep.

The Dept. of Highways advised the council that their request for an additional expenditure of \$5,000 on roads would be approved, bringing the total road budget for 1947 up to \$40,000, of which the Dept. pays one-half.

Whitechurch expects to have a new Caterpillar Deisel No. 12 tandem motor grader in operation by February, since the company making the sale to the municipality advised council on Saturday. They gave the latest delivery date as February 5th.

Tenders for plowing snow were received at this meeting, but action on them was deferred to the special meeting that will be called within a couple of weeks.

Robt. Forfar was ordered to be paid \$650 amount due him for removing garbage from Musselman's and Wilcox Lakes during the summer season. This sum is derived from the land owners benefitted in the area served, and appears on the tax bills as a special item.

Relief for September ran \$106, and general accounts ordered paid were for routine services or supplies.

A grant of \$25 was made to the North York Plowmen's Association.

Reeve L. P. Evans presided, and other members present were Deputy Reeve Edwin Logan, and Councillors McLaughlin, L. J. Harper and Fred Timbers.

BUSINESSMEN HONOR HUGH BANNERMAN

The mercantile section of Stouffville paid respects to the late Hugh Bannerman who passed away in his sleep Saturday night or early Sunday morning, when business was suspended for one hour during the time of the funeral service in the United Church on Tuesday afternoon.

No business man was ever held in higher esteem, than their late associate, and instead of merely drawing the blinds when the funeral passed by, the stores suspended business so that clerks, and proprietors alike attended the service.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pipher, Stouffville, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Olive Jean, to Murray Robert Daniels, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daniels, Markham. The wedding will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1st, 1947.

Council Fears Health Unit May Prove Too Costly

Whitechurch Township Council indicated on Saturday that they feared a public health unit, if formed for the northern municipalities of York might get too costly, and will have to be assured on that point before the reeve and deputy reeve support such an undertaking.

It is proposed that the 14 northern municipalities form themselves into a health unit under government supervision at a cost of \$1.20 per capita, of which the provincial government will pay 50 per cent. To bring such a system into existence, it would require that each municipality pass a bylaw to provide for entering into an agreement to establish a health unit for this area, Markham to Lake Simcoe, having a population of 38,000 at an approximate cost of \$45,000 per annum. The unit's share would be \$22,000.

If such a unit is established all local boards of health, sanitary inspectors, milk inspectors, health nurses would be out of office, but the nurses would be given positions in the unit. The unit would have jurisdiction or authority to inspect dairies, water systems, restaurants, all buildings used or deemed necessary for the public health.

The program under the proposed Health Unit would include control of communicable diseases, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, maternal and child hygiene, sanitation, water and food control. Many of these things are sadly neglected now, and it is claimed that a full-time staff under no obligation to individuals, would exercise better authority than we are getting.

A full-time staff would be engaged as follows, with headquarters centrally located in the district served:

Estimate of Cost	
Medical Health Officer	\$ 5,500
Additional M.O.H.	3,200
Supervisor of nurses	2,200
Staff of nurses, 8	14,400
Sanitary Inspectors, 2	4,000
Clerical staff, 3	3,400
Transportation	6,500
Administration	5,500
Emergency	1,100
	\$45,600

The issue will be raised again by the interested municipalities at

HOCKEY PRACTICE NEXT TUESDAY

Stouffville Junior Hockey Club will take to the ice at Oshawa Arena on Tuesday night of next week, for their initial workout. Many of last year's players and an equal number of newcomers will be on hand from 9.30 until 10.30 p.m. Any further information regarding this first practice may be had from secretary Bruce Clark or Manager Bob Snowball.

DIED SUDDENLY AT UNIONVILLE

Mrs. Alfred Rush died suddenly at her home in Unionville in her 67th year on Tuesday. She was the former Mary Edith Knights, and was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends. The funeral today will be to St. Philip's cemetery.

HORSE BARN \$5,300

Cost of the new horse barn at Markham fair grounds is \$5,300 according to final figures just completed. This included the purchase price of the barn structure, the moving and new covering.

Mr. Frank Rowbotham is getting around again after being ordered to take a long rest due to a heart condition. Member of the municipal council, he may not take his seat again this session, since there is but one more regular meeting before the term of office ends for this year's council.

Mrs. Harry Stover, Roger and Elizabeth are spending this week at the home of her uncle at Lions Head on the Bruce Peninsula.

next meeting of County Council in November.

The whole thing looks very good on paper, observed Reeve Evans, but it could get out of control like Children's Aid, and other things.

Deputy Reeve Logan expressed much the same idea, but these officers will go to county council with instructions to use their best judgment on the issue.

Anniversary Greetings From Chas. W. Flint

At the fifty-fifth anniversary services of Stouffville United Church last Sunday, Rev. John A. Redmond of Niagara Falls, N.Y., preached two very effective sermons. Rev. Mr. Redmond took as his morning text, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high, shall abide," and endeavored to show the place of religion in a changing world. By vivid and effective illustration the speaker portrayed to a large congregation, the uncertainty of God's place in a great many human lives of today's generation.

"Does the community know on which side you're on", he challenged his audience. "Too large a percentage of people are religiously indifferent," he charged.

Going into the realm of international affairs, Mr. Redmond referred to the over-conservatism of the nations, shown by their billions for war and only millions for peace; their narrow-mindedness.

Criticizing the foreign policy of his own country across the line, he said, "The United States reaches out into the Pacific 6000 miles, and then blames Russia for encroaching just a little in the west."

At the head of the great Methodist parish to which Mr. Redmond is affiliated across the line is Bishop Chas. W. Flint, native of Spouffville, who sent a brief message to his home-town people that was read at this service. It said:

"My most enthusiastic greetings to the church at Stouffville!

That was the village of my birth and childhood, and is indeed a shrine in my memory. I saw the present church building erected and dedicated.

All I am and have accomplished I owe to the God of my parents; and their church. Living in the home with them, and in their church with them and their fellow-members gave my life its direction and inspiration.

May God's richest blessing crown the anniversary occasion.

Cordially,

Charles W. Flint.

"I will forgive them their sins, and their iniquities will I remember no more," was the subject of the evening sermon, heard by a



Bishop Charles W. Flint

very large congregation. Declaring that the present generation did not read their Bible as much as their parents and grand parents, Mr. Redmond exhorted his listeners to search His Word that we may be privileged to learn more about God's purpose.

"Does God forget," was the impelling question the speaker held before his audience in proceeding to review the attributes of God, many of them too little known, he said, by a generation that do not read their Bible as they should.

The God who doesn't forget to feed the birds, to paint the flowers, to bring about seedtime and harvest, the rain, and the sunshine, does forget our sins, if we comply with the conditions laid down in the scriptures, were facts recalled as the speaker discussed what he termed "the history and moral examination of God."

The church choir under leadership of Mr. L. C. Murphy rendered special music, and the guest minister paid the choristers a special compliment and congratulated the congregation in being privileged to hear such a choir from Sunday to Sunday.