

Youngest Plowman in Match



Donald Dunkeld, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld, 8th concession of Pickering, who was the youngest plowman competing in the South Ontario match last week.

TO SERVE TEA AT ANNIVERSARY SALE

Next week, the C. A. Overland grocery and dry goods store, Claremont, will mark seventeen years of business. To mark the occasion, a special sale is being arranged, as advertised on the Claremont page, and tea will be served on Wednesday, Nov. 5th, from 2 until 6 p.m.

HARPER'S, GOODWOOD POTATOES ARE BEST

Howard Harper of Goodwood took top award in the standing field crop competition for late potatoes, sponsored by the Scott Agricultural Society. His marks were 93. Other high scores were: Lorne Bagshaw, Uxbridge 91½, Douglas Campbell, Mount Albert 90½, James Best, Uxbridge 90½, M. McKnight, Uxbridge 90.

Market Reveals Interesting Personalities and Facts

The St. Lawrence Market in Toronto has been in operation continuously since 1803, always on the same site, but the authorities now contemplate removing it to a new location south westerly, and if this happens, many stall renters from the east in Markham and Stouffville, may decide to relinquish their long connection, since it would mean driving right across Toronto every market day to reach the place.

Some of the most popular and long-standing contributors to the market come from east of the city, and they view the proposed change with regret.

Take Mrs. Irwin Gray of Stouffville. Here is a woman who has been attending the market for 40 years and she has no thought of continuing if the market location is changed. Mrs. Gray holds more than record for number of years at the St. Lawrence. She has only missed three Saturdays in all that long period. In fact Mrs. Gray's family is something to mention in connection with the business. Her mother attended the market regularly before Mrs. Gray for 32 years, so that 72 years of continuous service is chalked up to mother and daughter.

Always shunning publicity, Mrs.

Gray did give us the interesting information that in the early days she used to supply cream to this market, \$50 worth a week, when it sold for much less than it does today. Toronto dairies now have the farmer fairly well out of that business. However, attending the St. Lawrence today is merely a social event for this veteran of many years, since Mrs. Gray just supplies a select trade with butter and eggs mostly, and enjoys the social side of things, meeting old friends she has known down through the years.

Close to Mrs. Gray's individual record is that of W. J. Reaman of Gormley who has had a stall there for 39 years. He supplies poultry products and recalls the days when stalls were not allotted, first come first served was the motto.

Farmers do not just take things that are eatable to market, for anything from puppy dogs to bed spreads may be found, and in this latter connection we find Mrs. Peter Stickley of Markham Township, displaying lovely quilts made by her own hands which she offers to an admiring clientele. Mrs. Stickley is another proud contributor who will not appreciate changing the market from its central location to a place that will serve a smaller section of the community.



Mrs. Peter Stickley, Markham township, has long sold her wares on the St. Lawrence

Market. Linens, quilts, etc., as well as farm produce features the Stickley stall.

Goodwood Boys "Tops" in Potato Club Competition

Bob Meek of Sandford and Harry Harper of Goodwood stood first in the inter-county club competitions for boys and girls held at the O.A.C., Guelph on Friday, Oct. 24th. The two local boys represented Ontario County in the contest, and took top honors against 28 other teams. Bob Meek and Harry Harper will now go to the Royal Winter Fair where they will compete against winners from the other provinces for Dominion honors.

In the baby calf club, Bert Pearson of R.R.2 Uxbridge and Arthur Richardson of Ashburn took third prize.

Other Ontario County teams competing were: Lois Baker and Nellie Betz of Stouffville, homemaking club girls; Jack Beaton, and James Beaton of Blackwater, grain club; Neil Clifford, Taunton, Glen Gaspol, Oshawa R.R.2, swine club; Lawrence Evans R.R.2 Uxbridge, Geo. Stone, R.R.2, Blackwater, dairy calf club.

Small Town Youth Have Big Advantage In Sports Says Famous Pro Ball Player

"There Ain't No Hicks Anymore," Stainton "Steamer" Lucas Tells Large Gathering at Baseball Banquet

"You boys and girls of the Stouffville baseball teams, have more advantages today than any youth ever had," said "Steamer" Lucas, famous baseball big-leaguer, addressing the baseball banquet held at the High School, under auspices of the local Athletic Club on Friday night.

"Steamer" Lucas who makes his home in Toronto since his retirement from professional baseball, saw service with the Detroit Tigers under the famous Ty Cobb. He spent seven years with Toronto Maple Leafs at the time Dan Howley and Ike Boone managed the club, and played a stretch with Buffalo Bisons and Syracuse. He is also a singer of note and spent twelve years on the concert stage.

Lucas told his listeners that the small town had many, many advantages. He said there ain't no Hicks anymore, and that the boys from the "sticks" were just as good, if not a little better, than the city chaps.

"Do you know," he continued, that seventy-five per cent of big league ball players today, come off the farms.

Lucas complimented the citizenry of Stouffville on their fine support of sports, and interest in their young people. "You young fellows and girls," he continued, "are the backbone of the country, and it's just what you want to make it."

He chided young folks on having things too easy, being given too much.

"Nobody cares whether you play ball or not, but that game can be just as good as you want to make it," he said. "I wanted to make a business out of it, and I did. He recommended regularity, wholehearted interest and co-operation.

"I was never late for a ball game in my life, and the last year I played senior baseball in Toronto was the only time I ever had anything given to me," he said.

Lucas recalled various instances in his pitching career, and spoke of Stouffville's gift to professional baseball, Earl Cook. He also recalled pitching a game in Stouffville on the occasion of a big Orange Walk here some twenty years ago.

Markham and Stouffville High School Areas Move to Unite Would Operate Two Schools

The Markham and Stouffville Boards of Education went on record Monday evening, approving of the recommendation of the Dept. of Education, to unite the Stouffville school area and the Markham school area into one district. The schools at both Markham and Stouffville would both be operated as at present, excepting that one school might specialize in academic courses, while the other school would develop the shop, science and domestic science courses.

After hearing an address by Mr. Stanley Rendell from the Department, the two Boards, meeting in Stouffville High School, conferred, and as a result of their deliberations, they arrived at the decision to request amalgamation under one Board, operating two schools.

The conclusion reached with full approval of Mr. Rendell, will be referred to each municipality in

the areas, through their councils, that is Whitechurch and Markham townships, Markham and Stouffville villages, and if Uxbridge and Pickering Twps. unite, a portion of their municipalities, they too will be consulted.

The enlarged district, Mr. Rendell claimed, would strengthen what he termed two weak or small districts into one strong one, offering everything that any district can give in the way of secondary education.

Assuming that all municipalities approve of the enlarged district it cannot come into actual operation until January 1949, but in the meantime the two Boards as now constituted will work together, and develop the teaching staffs with the view of the amalgamation becoming effective in a year's time.

Assessment of the enlarged district will run around seven millions.

HOCKEY PRACTICE FRIDAY NIGHT

Stouffville Red Wings will work out on Oshawa ice on Friday night from 10:30 until 11:30. The Oshawa Arena is being taxed to capacity by clubs who want practice time, thus the lateness of the hour.

HONEY FARMS COW TOPS

Top cow in the Record of Performance class Holstein - Freisian Honey Farms, 10th concession, Markham, has produced the leading lady in the three-year class, two times milking, according to recent figures just published.

The regular meeting of the Stouffville United Church W.A. took the form of a church social on Tuesday evening, with a special invitation to newcomers. Over one hundred attended, and enjoyed a varied program of vocal, instrumental numbers, readings, and lunch. An offering of gifts was received for the W. A. overseas parcels. Those taking part in the program were, Mrs. C. Brillinger and Mr. Carl Boadway,

MOOSE HAD UNHAPPY LIFE ON OUTSKIRTS OF TORONTO

A "Moose" that was on the loose in Scarborough township over the weekend, proved to be a 12-point elk, but now it is dead. The animal was found nearly 12 miles out in Lake Ontario, after being in the water for nearly 24 hours.

On Saturday the frightened elk ran everywhere to escape, or keep from contacting human beings, and in desperation plunged into the lake off the Cliffside golf course. It was carried out from shore, yet it kept its 1800 pound bulk above water all night.

Sunday the animal was sighted off Ashbridge's Bay by a party of sea cadets out on the lake, who tossed a noose over the struggling animal's head, and towed it to shore. However, it was so exhausted and weak that it had to be destroyed by Harry Meighen, game warden.

Mrs. Ross Winterstein, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Salmon, Mrs. F. Bramham and Mrs. Chas. Nolan. Rev. D. Davis made a few brief remarks in welcoming the gathering.

Farmers Name Properties Assessed Too Low as Compared to Their Farms

Markham Court of Appeal Must Deal with the Charge, Together with Dozens of Appeals from Recent Assessment Made.

Markham Township Court of Appeal on the assessment roll just completed faced one of the longest lists of appeals ever filed in the history of the municipality in a single year. This year a new policy was adopted by the assessors and approved by the township council, whereby land values would be gradually decreased for assessment purposes, and stiffer valuations placed on buildings.

It has been pointed out that whole hamlets or thickly populated areas sending flocks of children to school, pay a mere pittance of the taxes, while the farming area is maintaining the schools. A small shack, or modest home, bearing probably \$15 or \$20 in taxes, may be sending five or six to school, while a farmer perhaps with no children at all, is paying \$90 school taxes on a 100 acre farm in Markham. The small house owners with large families are coming from the cities and are becoming a burden to the farming areas, it is maintained, when it comes to maintaining schools for them. Thus, the idea that building property should bear more of the general tax and the land less, is a popular idea among farmers.

The issue has become so keen that a block of farmers banded together to appeal their assessments too high in relation to other assessments. The appeal mentioned a number of small holdings as being assessed too low, or as the appeal claimed at only 20 per cent and less of their value. This appeal was signed by D. F. Raymer, lot 6, con. 9, John Torrance, A. J. Reesor, Chas. Whitaker, Bert Tapscott, Harold Coates, and other substantial farmers.

A ratepayer from Langstaff subdivision showed his displeasure with the assessment board and the assessors all, when he told them they couldn't answer straight questions, he considered they ought to know. Said the appellant, Henry LeMasurier, "You can't even tell me the actual value of a building, the qualifications of your assessors, and what percentages you are assessing on. I am sorry to find such conditions existing." LeMasurier was

almost insulting, observed one of the court members. Said LeMasurier, "I am here protesting the township increasing my assessment nearly 50 per cent, and the assessor never even saw inside my house. I am sorry to find such conditions exist." Assessor L. L. Nichols said he had increased the assessment on one house in question from \$1400 to \$2400. It has double living quarters, and is worth more than double the assessment.

Manager Jos. Lanthier appeared for Leithcroft Farms where the assessor had boosted the valuation of \$41,000 by some \$12,000. The 330 acre farm gives steady employment to 17 or 18 men, has five houses and a main dwelling on the place. The taxes on the old valuation were \$875, and with the increase in assessment they would jump to \$1300 or \$1400. Mr. Lanthier said he was seeking information, since he realized that the taxing problem and assessment was a difficult thing to arrive at. During the discussion on this property, it was disclosed that the George McCullough property in the same district of only 100 acres with a "mansion" on, draws a tax of \$1856 a year.

The great bulk of the appeals were from the area between the sixth concession to Yonge street.

As evidence of the "upheaval" in the assessment this year, Archie Fleming stated that in the village of Unionville where there are 146 properties to assess, he had increased every one of them with the exception of six.

There were no decisions handed out. Members of the newly appointed five-man court made notes from dozens of protesting ratepayers, and will later look at the properties and hand down decisions at adjourned meetings. On Saturday a full day session was entirely taken up hearing verbal appeals. Many others filed their appeals in writing only.

The court is composed of W. C. Gohn (chairman), Walter Craig, Russel Johnston, Norman Porter and W. J. Spears. As previously announced the court takes the place of the council which heretofore acted in this capacity. New legislation gives power to local councils to delegate this work to other ratepayers if they deem it advisable, instead of the council acting in the capacity of a court of appeal.

RUNNING DEER

Going like a streak of lightning, a deer was sighted by Mr. Ross Rateliff up on the Aurora Road west of Ballantrae last Saturday. It was moving, too fast to be able to tell whether it was young or old, or whether it had antlers or not. This is close to the Vivian forest where good protection would be found for such a visitor.

Fifty Years Married Gormley Couple Feted

An event of almost historical value, as well as a social occasion of more than passing interest, was the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebrated on Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George Hilts, Gormley, when some forty friends gathered to mark the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilts were married at Gormley in 1897, by Elder Henry Heise, and they took up residence there, where they have remained ever since. Their two daughters, Mrs. Earl Doner, and Miss Vera Hilts assisted in the celebration arrangements, and the parents were recipients of many lovely gifts, including a \$50 bill.

Eight persons who were guests at the wedding fifty years ago were present on this occasion, they being Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sheffer, Mr. and Mrs. David Hilts, Miss Beulah Heise, Mr. J. R. Cober, Toronto, and of course the bride and groom of fifty years. Miss Heise and Mrs. Cober were children when they attended the wedding in 1897.

A delightful luncheon was followed by speeches, and sincere congratulations being offered to the esteemed couple who enjoyed the affair and were very appreciative of the high honor done them.

Legs Mangled in Combine Machine

Operating a combine on the home acres between the 8th and 9th concession on the Markham-Scarboro township line, Geo. McCowan, 22 years of age, met with an accident when his left foot was nearly severed at the ankle and his right foot badly mangled.

The knives became clogged when George was harvesting buckwheat. He got down from the seat to drag the straw from the knives, when in some manner he started the machine which moved forward so quickly that his legs were caught by the fast moving knives.

Dr. McKay of Unionville, was rushed to the scene, and after rendering first aid had the victim removed to East General Hospital, where his condition is reported very favorable. At first it was feared that one or both feet might be amputated, but this threat is now removed and it is expected that both of them will be saved.

Brougham Car Wrecked in Collision

A car carrying Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Brougham was completely wrecked on Friday evening when in collision with another motorist on the Brock Rd. The Brown car was proceeding south on the Brock Rd. when it was sideswiped by a northbound car which didn't stop, according to Constable Fred White of Pickering, who investigated. Although both Brown and his wife, a passenger in the car, were badly shaken up, they managed to flag a car and give chase. They located the car near McCowan's gravel pit on the 5th concession, but the driver had disappeared.

Memorial Hall Fund

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| Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grove | \$ 25.00 |
| Moles Motors | 25.00 |
| Friend | 5.00 |
| War Workers, Ballantrae | 40.00 |
| Walter Pipher | 10.00 |
| Mrs. E. Gray | 5.00 |
| Mr. H. Spofford | 50.00 |
| N. O'Boyle | 25.00 |
| Old Soldier | 10.00 |
| Friend | 5.00 |
| Dominion Stores | 25.00 |
| A. W. Sanders | 50.00 |
| Stouffville Creamery | 100.00 |
| Fred Steckley | 25.00 |
| A Friend | 5.00 |
| Total to date | \$3,073.72 |

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dyer and son Bill of Toronto were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Church St. Mr. Dyer was the O.B.A. official who handled several of Stouffville's baseball play-offs this year.