

## No Election in Whitchurch As Old Council Returned

About fifty ratepayers assembled in the hall at Vandorf, on Monday afternoon for the nomination meeting, when Reeve L. P. Evans, Deputy Reeve Ed. Logan, and Councillors L. J. Harper, Fred Timbers and Ivan McLaughlin were returned without opposition as they were a year ago.

Only other name placed in nomination was that of P. S. Legge, resident in the north-west part of the township, who said that he believed in elections, since he would be the only extra candidate he would not force the issue this year. He warned that he would be back next year seeking a contest. "Take a pool of water, and if there is nothing coming in and nothing going out, it becomes stagnant," said Mr. Legge amidst laughter from the audience. He was nominated by Harry West and Harry Penrose.

Mr. Evans, in thanking his supporters said he had served the municipality for 14 years, and 1948 would be his last year. He reviewed county matter, referring to the high school areas whereby the township had been divided into two areas with Aurora on the west, and Stouffville on the east. "Under the high school areas our children will be given equal privilege with the children in town and city," he declared.

He explained his opposition to the proposed health unit whereby Whitchurch would be assessed about \$2,500 per year as against \$500 at present, and get probably little more than they are getting now. A school nurse would, however, be provided, he said, under the unit system.

Mr. Logan prophesied that when the new township maintainer arrives which is due in January, there would be a great saving made in the cost of shovelling snow, probably 50 per cent. He advocated tarvia top roads around the lakes, and increased assessment in those areas to cover the extra cost. Present gravel roads were inadequate in those areas of heaviest traffic, he said.

He promised that a tax sale would be held at an early date to collect some \$37,000 of tax arrears. He also referred to the likelihood of a new bridge at Vandorf at an early date, since the Toronto & York Road Commission had referred to it recently and promised something would be in their budget for this item next year. The job has been held up by the C.N.R. for various reasons. Mr. Logan has been on the council for eight years.

School costs have jumped \$10,000, was the startling statement made by Councillor L. J. Harper, who explained that almost without exception every section in the township was calling for more money, a matter over which the council had no control.

Mr. Harper who had been mentioned for a move up, said that he was willing to remain in council another term.

Ivan McLaughlin, councillor for three years, said that he also looked for decreased snow costs this year, especially if the new equipment arrives. Last year half the road budget was spent for snow removal.

Fred Timbers defended the council's action in setting up a fire area with Stouffville. He made a personal investigation after one of the two fires since the area was created, and was satisfied the house he examined would have been lost had it not been for the service of the brigade. "I am glad to be in the Stouffville fire area," said Mr. Timbers.



L. P. Evans on being acclaimed as reeve of Whitchurch without opposition on Monday, declared that he intends to retire at the end of 1948.



Given another acclamation on Monday as deputy reeve of Whitchurch, Mr. Ed. Logan, said that he looked forward to stepping into the reeveship another year provided the ratepayers would grant him that privilege.

## Young Wife's Untimely Death

Mrs. Alvin J. McQuarrie passed away at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on December 28th just on the threshold of womanhood, being in her 28th year. Ill for some time, she was overcome with a peculiar sickness, and had been in a Toronto hospital prior to being a patient in the Brierbush.

Wife of our east end merchant, Mrs. McQuarrie's maiden name was Violet Jean Ross. She was born at Inglewood in the Brampton district, and prior to her marriage taught school at Malton for four years. Since coming to Stouffville she frequently acted as supply teacher. A bright, affable young woman, she was always a pleasure to meet in the store here, which the McQuarrie's purchased two and a half years ago.

Surviving besides her husband is her father, living at Inglewood, and one brother, Robert.

A service will be held at the late home on Main street east this Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and on Wednesday the funeral will proceed to Inglewood for service in the United Church there. Interment will be made in the Inglewood cemetery.

## Fred Reesor, Former Markham Man, Dead

Port Perry's reeve, Fred E. Reesor died at Memorial Hospital here on Christmas Eve. He was 62 and had been reeve of the village for two years, and a councillor for four years.

Mr. Reesor was well known throughout Port Perry and Ontario County. He was district warden of the Oddfellows lodge. Mr. Reesor operated a fuel and lumber yard at Port Perry and was active in business until a few months ago when he became ill.

A former resident of Markham village, he also took an active interest there, and was regarded as a man who had rendered more public service in Markham than any other citizen.

Surviving besides his wife (the former Irene Rainey) are two sons Charles and Gordon, and two daughters (Dora) Mrs. M. Dowson and (Alma) Mrs. R. Vernon.

Miss Bertha Davenport of Toronto was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gayman over the holiday. Other visitors at the Gayman home were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lehman and Mr. Harmon Lehman of Delhi.

## Mrs. Silverthorn Passes On Wedding Day

The death of Mrs. Fred Silverthorn on Dec. 23 in her 70th year came with shocking suddenness, following an illness of only a few weeks. She had been a resident of Stouffville for eleven years, coming here from the farm in Markham Township at Mongolla, where her husband died 14 years ago. A woman of very happy disposition and cheery manner, she will be greatly missed by many friends.

Born near Beaverton she was the former Annie Teer, and following her marriage there to Mr. Silverthorn in 1903, the couple continued in that district for some time when they located in Markham.

Mrs. Silverthorn passed away on the anniversary of her wedding day, and is survived by an only daughter—(Freda) Mrs. Jos. Tran, and by one son Bert, living on the farm at Mongolla. Another son Jack, met a tragic death when he died from burns received in a fire in his garage in Stouffville some years ago.

The funeral service on Saturday proceed from the late home on Main street to the United Church for service, thence to Cannington cemetery in Brock Township. Service was conducted by her pastor Rev. D. Davis.

## Businessman Suffers Fractured Shoulder

Tripping over a plank in the rink at Unionville, Mr. Frank Stiver, the well known head of Stiver Bros. of Stouffville, Unionville and Aurora, suffered a broken shoulder on Friday, and will be temporarily held up for a short time.

However, despite his misfortune Mr. Stiver will be about very much as usual, and while one arm is taking an enforced holiday the other arm will be capable of doing a great deal.

The doctor described the break as an impacted fracture, a clean break that will readily heal.

## Victor Wagg Was Native of Uxbridge

Active farmer on the outskirts of Markham, village for over 20 years, Victor Wagg died at his home there on Monday in his 64th year. He is survived by his wife, the former Alma Pearl Douglas, and by one son Douglas, and two daughters, Mrs. Gerald Rose, and Miss Mary Wagg.

Born in Uxbridge Township north-east of Goodwood in what is known as the Wagg settlement, deceased spent all his life in the neighborhood hereabout. He was a brother to Dr. A. B. Wagg, Toronto, and two surviving sisters are Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Herbert Wetheral of Unionville.

## Pickering Reeve



W. H. Westney, given an acclamation for reeve in Pickering Township, has been in public office for seven years.

## MARKHAM RETIRED FARMER DEAD

Retired farmer living in Markham village, Chas. W. Fieghen died in Toronto on Monday night following a critical illness. Mr. Fieghen was in his 74th year, and is survived by his wife and by two sons, W. H. in Toronto, and Albert S. in Brantford.

## NEIGHBORS HONOR BRIDE AND GROOM

On Monday evening, O'Brien Ave. friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Klinck in honour of the newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bockner (nee Phyllis Klinck). Following a musical program, Mrs. Borinsky conveyed the good wishes of the group to the bride and groom who were presented with a lovely gift.

## Cars Crash Headon Near Claremont

Returning from a Masonic Lodge function at Claremont on Saturday night Mr. Jos. Borinsky collided head-on with a car travelling east just outside Claremont. He sustained several broken ribs and the front seat passenger, William Griffiths, was thrown into the windshield with such force that he was badly cut, and was brought to the Brierbush hospital where stitches were required to close the facial wounds. Harvey Moyer and son Don, in the rear seat escaped unhurt, but the Borinsky car was badly smashed. The other car a Ford driven by Harold Brooks of Claremont suffered less damage and the passengers were only shaken up.

## Telephone Co. Petitions For Increased Rental Rates

Application has been made by the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co. for permission to increase their rental charges all over the system, as from the first day of February next. Unless serious opposition was made to the Ontario Municipal Board immediately, the request of the local company is likely to be granted forthwith.

Telephone rates have remained stationary for years, and it is to be expected that with increased costs, the company would be seeking the authority they have now applied for in order that they may meet these additional charges.

The Tribune has tried to get the feeling of numerous subscribers, and we find that not one person interviewed offered any opposition about the proposed increase, so long as good service is given. Four Whitchurch farmers were contacted who did not wish to be quoted, but each of them said the same thing: "Give us service, we are not kicking about the rates." In Claremont one business man said the rates could still be higher than what is being asked if only the service is improved.

The company's answer to this is that just as soon as the work can be done an entirely new switch board system will be installed, with much speedier mechanism, that is designed to take care of the growing system with a service second to none.

T. B. Rae, secretary-treasurer of the company stated a few days ago that the new mechanism that is to be placed in service, had been promised for this winter. In fact work on installation was to start in February, but the contractors are not likely to be on time, and there will be some delay. This is beyond the ability of the local company to prevent, as they have to wait their turn, since many other rural companies are also in line for new installations.

The new rates will mean that a resident in Stouffville will pay \$40 per year for business phone and \$28 per year for residence phone, individual service. A rural party line in Whitchurch will cost the farmer \$22 for residence phone and \$24 for business phone.

Individual business or residence phone in Claremont will cost \$24, and a phone on a 4-party line will cost \$19.

Rental charges are payable quarterly, and are subject to a prompt payment discount of \$1 per quarter, or \$1 per year from the rates quoted above. Prior to 1933 the company had in force this prompt payment discount system but for the last fourteen years the discount method of payment was not in use.

## STORE HOLIDAYS

In addition to New Year's Day being a public holiday, merchants' association of Stouffville has decided to remain closed on Friday, January 2nd as well.

Places of business will be open Wednesday afternoon, and while stores are closed on Friday, as well as New Year's Day, garages and factories will carry on as usual.

## Baptists Extend Call New Minister

A call from the Stouffville and 9th Line Baptist congregations has been accepted by Rev. J. K. Pequegnat of Courtwright, who will assume his new duties beginning on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Rev. Mr. Pequegnat proved to be the choice of the officials after he preached here recently on the call, and comes with high expectations of a profitable ministry. A married man with one small child, the family will occupy the house recently vacated by Rev. D. Macgregor, former pastor.

## ALL QUIET IN UXBRIDGE

About fifty ratepayers attended the nomination for Uxbridge township, when the 1947 council was returned by acclamation, Reeve Stewart Ball, Deputy-reeve Isaac Catherwood, Councillors Wendal Alcock, Ralph Faulkner, Berton Tindall.

## FIREMEN CALLED TO GORMLEY

At 11 o'clock Monday night the fire brigade was called to the home of R. S. Stanfield in Markham township at Gormley, where embers from a chimney set fire to the roof of the dwelling. Neighbors rushed to the home of Alvin Farmer and secured garden hose. Ladders to reach the roof presented a problem until the brigade arrived. However, the blaze was put out before it got out of control. The alarm was given by Frank Harvey who saw flames on the neighboring roof from his home.

## Found Fresh Deer Meat

W. H. Nesbitt and Edward Nesbitt, Whitchurch, were jointly charged with possession of illegal venison and fined \$25 and costs or ten days in police court at Newmarket. The crown did not proceed with a second charge, illegal possession of a muskrat pelt. Game Warden Ben Smith said that, accompanied by two other officers, he had searched the premises of the two accused on November 29 and had found a quantity of dark venison in a summer kitchen. They also discovered a second lot of venison, fresh and still sweating, in an unused oven. The officer presented some ribs taken from the two lots of meat and showed that they were from two different animals. The officer said that Edward Nesbitt had said that the first lot of venison was all that he had, before the fresh meat was found.

W. H. Nesbitt said that he did have a license to hunt and that the old venison was given to him by his brother-in-law, William Over and that the second lot of venison was given by a Mr. Mowder. Jos. Vale, counsel for defense, asked him why he did not show the fresh venison to the officer. "I wanted to have some left to eat," he replied.

William Over testified that he had given the accused the first lot of venison which he had shot in Peterborough county and that he had also brought Mowder's deer, which had been shot later in the same district, from the north. Magistrate Hollinrake said that the second lot of meat was found ten days after the season had closed. Joseph Vale said that the onus of proof is on the donor and not the accused. Magistrate Hollinrake said that the accused should have a certificate from the donor saying that the meat was lawfully procured, and that William Over had testified regarding the first lot of meat but that the meat that Mowder had given the accused was found fresh ten days after the season had closed.

## Reeve Chas. Reesor Acclaimed in Markham

Reeve Chas. Reesor was given a second acclamation by Markham village ratepayers on Monday at the annual nomination. The old councillors were renominated together with Mr. Ed. Roffey. He had until nine o'clock Tuesday night to sign up for a contest. The former councillors who signed for another term are Robt. McDonald, Edw. Reeve, Jos. Fry and O. B. Hisey.

Miss Sadie and Archle Stewart received word last week of the sudden death of their eldest brother, James A. Stewart at Victoria, B.C. Born in Uxbridge Township, James went West many years ago.

## Captive Deer "Shot by Camera"



John McGillivray, Mount Albert farmer, and former Glasgow resident just east of Stouffville, caught this young deer with his bare hands. The animal was exhausted running

ahead of the farmer's car for a mile, and when it attempted to jump the fence fell back when the farmer closed in on the flying hooves. Mr. McGillivray telephoned The Tribune

who rushed to the farm for this photograph. Two young neighboring farm girls enjoy the excitement. The deer is confined in the big barn, and will be made a pet.

## County Sold 11,000 Christmas Trees

Eleven hundred Christmas trees were sold from the York County forest during the Christmas season, the shipment being made to the Windsor district, where they prefer pine to cedar or any other evergreen for decorations.

The removal of these trees, all Scotch pine, from the forest is part of the thinning operation carried on each winter, and a special effort is made to do as much thinning just before Christmas as possible, since the culled trees have a value in the Santa Claus market. Trees thinned out in January represent a loss, thus as much of the thinning as can be done is carried out when there is a market for the tops.

The help situation is still a prime factor in thinning operations, as it is in cutting wood that should be recovered from various stands on county property. There is still a definite scarcity of the right kind of help for wood cutting, according to official information handed out.

## BOUGHT LEMONVILLE FARM

Mr. B. K. Padgett who has been employed with the Jupp Construction Co., for some years, is returning to the farm, and last week purchased the 115 acre property at Lemonville from Mr. Alger Maye. Mr. Padgett will get possession next spring, and will move at that time.