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MARKHAM TO SPEND \$60,000 ON ROADS

Save Hydro Current Now!

Start at once, if you have not already done so, and save kilowatt hours of electric current, wherever and whenever possible. The reeve was advised this morning that unless Stouffville could show a reduction of 500 kilowatt hours daily, we would be cut off for a stated period each day until the crisis is over.

Perhaps it is just a lamp left burning where it is not needed, probably you have cluster lights where one could be cut out entirely for a time. It may be in the kitchen, or the store, that needless lights are burning. Do your part to save kilowatt hours, and save Stouffville from having the switch pulled for a certain period daily.

On a basis of 5,600 k.w.h. we must reduce by ten per cent. starting today. Next week we will report progress made, since there is daily reading of our hydro demand.

We are advised that if we accomplish the saving asked, there will be no hydro interruption for Stouffville.

Water Shortage Over, Supply Again Normal

Residents heard the voice of warning over the loud speaker last Friday requesting all users of town water to conserve the supply. The reservoir has been drained to a dangerous level, and the auxiliary rotary pump "played up" just at the moment when it was badly needed to pump additional water to the system. However, just when the situation was alarming the pump was put into motion, and from then on, it could be seen that water was going in faster than out of the reservoirs.

It is customary to check the reservoirs which are located in Whitechurch, every couple of weeks, and all through January and the first week in February they remained full, despite the fact there was no January thaw. Then when they were checked about the middle part of last week the water was down two-thirds. From that moment things were put in motion for starting the electric rotary pump that boosts water from the spring creek and throws it into the reservoirs. However, the pump had not been used for a year, and minor work delayed it being turned on. Just after this mechanical process started, and the reservoirs practically empty, the pump failed because a packing blew out, and this caused hours of delay. It meant that men worked all evening and remained at the scene until after midnight Thursday to get things going.

Councillor Clayt. Baker and Glenn Ratcliff who form the water committee, got a real initiation into the troubles that befall councilmen now and then. However, they faced the situation without a flinch, donned snow shoes and made their way over the forbidden fields to reach the water supply head. Mr. Ratcliff had gone in on snowshoes twice before that day, yet that evening accompanied a mechanic (George Harmon) and Mr. Baker and remained at the scene of trouble until midnight. Then the supply of water was again assured ample for town needs, as the pump rotated into action.

The sudden failure of the supply to meet demands is attributed to nothing more than consumers leaving taps running to keep their pipes from freezing during the extreme zero weather. This may not seem much to the individual householder, but when it is multiplied by a hundred the drain is considerable. Usually the daytime demand reduces the water in the reservoirs, but when night comes and demand slackens, the pendulum swings the other way. However, when the all-night demand comes as a result of dripping taps, the reserve supply dwindles, and the necessity for pumping is resorted to. Had the pump not developed mechanical trouble the consumers would have not been requested to conserve.

Problem of reaching the reservoirs located mid-way between the 8th and 9th concession of Whitechurch, is no easy journey. With three or four feet of snow on the level, it became necessary to go in on snowshoes or skis. The councilors made use of snowshoes, but Harry VanEnoo stuck to a pair of skis.

KINGSTON TAKES 2-GOAL LEAD OVER BEACHES

Kingston Disney Goodyear Juveniles their first home and home games here in Stouffville on Tuesday night with Toronto Beaches, winning 4-2. In the second half of the twin bill, Toronto Bell AC's turned back Kingston Midgets 7-2. Both games were Ontario Minor League playdowns.

Smoked back bacon selling for 79c per pound; last week at O'Boyle's Meat Market is now 70c per lb. Tasty Salmon steaks 48c and fresh Fillets 35c. Phone 3501.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT NEXT WEEK

The annual commencement exercises of Stouffville High School will be held next week on Friday and Saturday evenings. The change in the usual dates is made necessary due to the school competing in the Kiwanis Musical Festival.

Man Dies Under Bus Related in Markham

Linton R. Brock, 50-year-old resident of Toronto, was instantly killed Saturday night under the rear wheels of a Buffalo-Toronto bus. The unfortunate man was the husband of Marjorie M. Prentice and brother-in-law of Messrs. Ken and Clarke Prentice, well known auctioneers and implement dealers.

Several hours were required, police said, to locate relatives, and his wife was found to be visiting in Agincourt.

According to police and T.T.C. officials, Brock stepped from behind a west-bound street car at Brock Ave. and Queen St. He then stepped into the side of the eastbound bus and was thrown beneath the wheels. The bus driver, R. H. Wells of Gray Coach lines, said he did not see Brock until after the accident.

Brock was buried in Ebenezer Cemetery, Milliken, following a service Tuesday in the R. G. Clendenning funeral home, Markham.

Surviving besides his widow, the former Marjorie M. Prentice, are two daughters, Mrs. E. Rishworth and Mrs. R. Ward.

SAMUEL R. HOPKINS DEAD

Samuel Roy Hopkins, beloved husband of Jennie May Norton, died in the Toronto General Hospital last Friday in his 57th year. Besides his wife there survives a daughter, Mrs. William Slack, Uxbridge, and four sons, Marlin, Lorne, Earl and Gordon. The funeral service was held on Monday in Uxbridge Fifth Line Church and interment was in Uxbridge cemetery.

Mennonites Collect Tools for Paraguay

Known the world over for its unique projects undertaken to assist refugees, the Mennonite Central Committee has recently launched the most novel one to date, a report from Kitchener states.

A collection of farm implements, workmen's tools, kitchen utensils, cutlery and wheels is being undertaken for the newly-settled Russian Mennonite refugees in Paraguay.

Arriving last February, the refugees were delayed in settling on their farms by the revolution and only recently reached their destination.

C. J. Rempel, manager of the Canadian headquarters, described the destitute people as badly in need of tools and implements to establish their future homes in the wilderness of Paraguay.

Contributions from Mennonites across Canada will be received at the main warehouse here and will be shipped to Paraguay in a few months.

Although announcement of the new project was made only a few weeks ago, a steady stream of tools and a variety of implements are already arriving.

Pamphlets distributed to Mennonite churches throughout the Dominion call for garden tools, blacksmiths' equipment, carpenters' tools, saws, hammers, wheels, chairs and soldering irons.

Great need of the refugees is outlined in the pamphlets where an account of the struggle of the refugees in making their home in a strange country is outlined.

The project is a combined undertaking of the central committees of the United States and Canada, which has been instrumental in bringing the refugees to this hemisphere.

ONLY ROUTINE BUSINESS PASSES WHITCHURCH COUNCIL

Perhaps it was the 60-mile an hour gale blowing outside, or the fact that most of the afternoon was given over to the work of the Court of Revision, that the monthly meeting of Whitechurch Council last Saturday, proved of little public interest. Visitors were not many, and the business of the day was purely of a routine nature.

Reeve L. P. Evans presided and Councillors present were Harper, McLaughlin, and Timbers. Road accounts were scrutinized and passed for payment totalling over \$2,700, mostly for plowing snow. Relief items totalled \$209.

Reeve Evans was appointed to represent the township at a meeting of the proposed Humber Valley Conservation organization on March 13.

Unionville Couple Fifty Years Married

Living in the same home at Unionville for forty years, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lunau will quietly celebrate their golden wedding anniversary there on Monday, February 23.

The couple were united in marriage at Musselman's Lake back in 1898 when only three or four cottages were built there as against 300 such summer places today. Persons went to the lake and pitched tents in those days.

Mrs. Lunau was the former Emmeretta Helmkey, daughter of one John Helmkey, and a pioneer family in the locality over on the 9th concession of Whitechurch a mile or more from Musselman's. Mrs. Lunau was one of eleven children, of whom herself and Mrs. Sam Irwin of Musselman's Lake are the sole survivors. Mrs. Lunau is 78, but looks much younger, does all her own housework, and as may be expected keeps a tidy home.

Mr. Lunau who reached his 80th birthday recently was born in Markham at Buttonville, and is also quite spry, keeps a good garden, and "brings home the bacon," in the form of fresh eggs from his flock of hens. The couple married by Rev. Peter Bryce who became a renowned figure in recent years. Then, he was a youthful pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunau took up farming at Buttonville and ten years later moved to Unionville where they have lived a retired life ever since. A highly esteemed couple they will be the recipients of many happy returns of the day. It is expected that their daughter Ruby Rae and Mr. Rae, and son Jimmy, will be present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunau have been constant readers of The Tribune all their married years, and still look forward to their "home town weekly" with the same interest. They enjoy very good health for their time of life, and carry on their household duties without outside assistance. The Tribune adds its word of congratulations at this time.

COMING FARM AUCTIONS

Those who are anxious to make some purchases at a farm auction this spring must look sharp since the number of sales are not so plentiful.

This Friday a big sale of 40 cattle, 150 hogs, etc., are being offered on the farm of Lorne Snodden, south east of Uxbridge with Ted Jackson on the block. Then on Wednesday, Feb. 25, the big sale at lot 14, con. 1, Scott, just east of Mount Albert will be held on the farm of Willis Harrison with A. S. Farmer wielding the hammer. Both these are good stock and implement sales and provides an opportunity for the needy buyer.

NIGHT OPERATOR NOW

Business at the local C.N.R. depot has expanded to the extent that a night operator has been appointed, in the person of Mr. Ross Stewart of Fenelon Falls who entered on his duties a few days ago.

Station agent Mowat informs the press that there is much additional traffic passing this way to Winnipeg and farther western points.

Goodwood Boys Are Recognized by International Show

Agriculture Minister Kennedy placed a crown on the head of Alex M. Stewart, of Ailsa Craig, a Middlesex village of 600 people, and proclaimed him "Oat King" as a result of his win at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago.

The coronation took place during ceremonies marking the 10th anniversary of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association held in Toronto.

Deputy Agriculture Minister C. D. Graham then invited past-presidents of the Association to light candles on a birthday cake.

The association set a goal of 200,000,000 bushels of feed grain for Ontario this year.

Association members met winners in provincial grain and potato club contests, and their coaches, Evelyn Taylor, of Enniskillen, and David Craig, of Bowmanville, were the grain winners: Bob Meek and Harry Harper, of Goodwood, the potato winners.

Winter wheat awards were presented to Arthur and Donald MacLachlan, Komoka; R. C. Breckon, Bronte; George McIlmoyle, Lakefield; A. T. Woodley, Milton; H. W. Thomson, Belton; Keith Bowles, Bradford; R. Kellam, Brampton; Norman Marr, Lambeth; Joe O'Leary, Loretto; and the Hagen Brothers, Caledonia.

Budget Enlarged by \$15,000 For Machinery Purchases

A new enlarged budget for road building and maintenance is planned by Markham Township Council, as revealed in the road appropriation bylaw passed on Monday providing for an expenditure of \$60,000 in 1948. The total to be provided is \$15,000 more than was asked for last year when \$45,000 was the budget amount. The Dept. of Highways pays one half the road account.

It is pointed out by Reeve Griffin that the extra amount is required to provide for new machinery, which he said would later pay big dividends to the municipality. In this contention he is backed by Harold Cowie who said that he believed that the profit made by truckers could be saved for the ratepayers if the municipality owned its own equipment. Wm. Maxwell, superintendent, agreed with this viewpoint.

The council discussed at length the purchase of a truck adapted for drawing gravel in summer and plowing snow in winter, but no decision was reached on the type or make until several will be seen in operation.

The council also envisions the purchase of a power mower which, it is claimed, is badly needed, and is another machine that will cut down on labor costs.

Reeve Griffin questioned the advisability of the council rushing over the roads in the spring on what they term an inspection tour. He recommended that the superintendent should make a report or budget of his requirement, that the council should then investigate them. "It is his duty to plan, and ours to pass on his recommendations," said the Reeve.

Later he said that he agreed council should go over the roads to see specific projects, and we will probably be out just as much, but will do more good and perhaps save time, in not running over them in a hurry."

I think it is our duty to go over the roads every spring," challenged Deputy Reeve Rumney. "For several years we were supposed to have had ditches which were never made, and we wouldn't know if we were not out," he concluded. Councillor Timbers also claimed that the time was well spent going over the whole township as has been the custom. "We inspect bridges, culverts and bad places, and if we were not familiar with them, we couldn't deal intelligently with people when they come to us here," he said.

Councillor Harry Barber said that when he was in council before, "we used to gallop over the roads and didn't do much. Had a good time, and all that. The superintendent knows all about the bad spots, and we know we can't keep up roads with less than 10,000 yards of gravel a year."

Fred Wicks favored taking the road foreman in on the scheme of inspection, and the reeve rounded out the discussion with saying it resolved into "we we spend a week going over the roads, or spread this inspection over a period of time. It is merely a suggestion I am throwing out for consideration."

"We can't make any improvement in the present system," rejoined Councillor Timbers.

Mrs. A. Fuller, Dorothy and Mr. Joe Mildrew, of Toronto, spent Sunday at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fuller on the Tenth.

Despite weather conditions the Lions Carnival is being held this Wednesday evening in Stouffville.

Six of Nine Assessment Appeals are Settled

On Saturday Whitechurch Township Council sitting as a Court of Revision on the assessment roll for 1948 settled six of the nine appeals filed by property owners. In each case the assessment made by Assessor Fred Cummings was sustained.

A heated argument ensued when Mr. E. A. Petrie, said he was appealing for nineteen property owners in the Lake Wilcox district, and the court refused to deal with them, since there had been no regular appeals filed. In each case Mr. Petrie claimed the assessment was too high.

He was informed that the owners had not given proper authority that would enable him to act for each of them. The court will sit again on March 13, and dispose of the three appeals not decided on, and may reopen the case for Mr. Petrie.

The court was composed of Reeve

Judge Flays Witnesses Dismisses Divorce Case

Whitby, Feb. 16—Mr. Justice G. A. Gale dismissed the divorce suit brought by Alfred C. Mowder, Clarendon, against his wife, Elsie Mowder, with Robert G. Roy, Toronto art dealer, named as co-respondent. Roy was awarded court costs and the verdict exonerated him of any adultery with Mowder's wife.

Mr. Justice Gale expressed scathing criticism of the plaintiff's three witnesses, including Mowder himself, and declared: "I cannot doubt that at least one other judge was deceived. Different evidence was adduced at other trials and the witnesses must have appeared in a different light."

The re-trial had been going on all last week at Whitby.

Mr. Justice Gale pointed out that the sole evidence of the alleged adultery was the testimony of Glen Flowers, former manager of Roy's farm at Clarendon, and his wife. "I am not prepared to accept any part of the evidence given by Flowers or his wife," the judge declared.

Referring to the alleged plot to extort money from Roy, the judge declared, "I am convinced that there did come to Mowder's mind the thought that perhaps he could gain if Mr. Roy and his wife were compromised. I am satisfied, too, that for some time—and rather ineptly—he tried to carry out that scheme. Nothing else can explain certain portions of his erratic conduct."

Mrs. Mowder had testified early in the hearing that her husband had instructed her to "play the game and we'll both have lots of money." She stated she had refused to carry out what she termed "a plan to blackmail Mr. Roy."

"I'm not saying how far the scheme went. I'm not holding that it did anything but fail. However, there is a great deal to be said for the conclusion that when he could not get his wife's help, he enlisted the aid of the Flowers," the judge asserted. He stated he would not accept the evidence of Mowder or the Flowers, "where it conflicts with that given by any other witnesses."

The long-drawn out hearing was a re-trial, ordered by the court of appeal after Mr. Justice E. R. E. Chevrier had awarded Mowder a decree nisi last March, naming Roy as co-respondent. Roy had appealed the decision. In 1943 Mowder was awarded \$10,000 in an alienation of affections suit against Roy. The Toronto man's appeal against that judgment is now before the Supreme Court of Canada.

He consistently maintained throughout the present trial that he was innocent of any improper conduct with Mrs. Mowder, and reaffirmed his claim that County Judge D. B. Coleman and Justices Mackay, Kelly, LeBel and Chevrier were deceived by the evidence presented at previous trials. In summing up his client's case Andrew Brewin told the court "I have never known a more deliberate and shameful attempt to use the courts in an effort to distort and blacken the character of a decent man."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boake and daughters of Pine Orchard and Mr. Clifford McMullen of Toronto, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake McMullen.

L. P. Evans and Councillors McLaughlin, Harper and Timbers. Deputy Reeve Logan was absent through illness. The final outcome of the court will not make much change in the over-all assessment of \$2,705,000. Clerk of the court John Crawford recalled that when he became clerk of the municipality in 1934 the assessment was \$2,452,000, and the tax roll amounted to \$51,000. Last year the taxes collected or assessed totalled \$80,000. It is noted that back in 1934 the services demanded by ratepayers was vastly different than to-day. There were no snow plowing accounts or costly equipment demanded then, mused our informant. However, the spread from \$50,000 to \$80,000, is not alarming, having consideration for the general upswing of everything and the fact that there is an increase in assessment of nearly \$250,000.