

## PROVINCE TAKES OVER MAIN ST. HIGHWAY

### Only Portion of Street East of the Railway Taken Over

The Main Street through Stouffville from the 10th concession to the C.N.R. tracks in the west end is now under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Dept. of Highways. This section of road was designated as part of No. 47 Highway from Greenbank and Uxbridge about ten years ago, taken over in the days of Premier Hepburn on the eve of an election. While the portion of the road in the village was handed back to the County of York, it was never changed legally, we understand, and was only under working agreement, enabling the county to maintain the road.

Within recent weeks the Dept. of Highways and the County Engineer Harvey Rose agreed that the Dept. should assume the road lying within the town.

Reeve Nolan contacted the County Engineer and learned that there might be confusion in the event of a fatal accident on this piece of road in which some alleged defect in the highway might come in for blame.

"If that happened," said Mr. Rose, "and the county was maintaining the road which legally is part of No. 47 highway, there would be great confusion, and it was considered better to hand it back to the Department of Highways."

"To say the least," says the reeve, "it was a strange thing to end the road at the tracks instead of at the 9th concession, and a protest was lodged at the time (ten years ago), and the Department agreed that it was not just right, and thereon entered into agreement with the Toronto & York Road Commission to take over. Officials of Stouffville assumed that the road had actually reverted to the County, instead of just being handled by agreement. We now know the facts and it will be up to the local council to see what they can do to induce the Dept. of Highways to take the entire stretch to the ninth under their jurisdiction."

Mr. Rose recognizes the justice of our request, and will consult on the matter shortly, the reeve continued.

There are certain taxes exacted from gasoline tanks situated too close to the highway. As matters stand now, tanks located east of the tracks would have to pay, and tanks west, would be exempt, which would not be fair to all, it is explained.

### 88 Year-old Retired Farmer Geo. Taun Dead

Resident of town for 23 years George Taun passed away at his home on Main street east on Monday at the advanced age of 88 years. He was a retired farmer, and a man of quiet disposition, and highly respected.

Native of the Township of Pickering, he was born just nine years after the village of Claremont was so named, and recognized with a post office. Prior to that Claremont was known as Noble's Corners.

The Taun family were among the early settlers of the last century. Present family to which George belonged held a 50 acre place south-east of Claremont, and while small it was a model of neatness, the boys being able to grow as much stuff as many grew on double the acreage.

When the family moved to Stouffville there were two sisters and two brothers. Richard died in March 1941, and a sister Bessie only recently. George, who died on Monday has been partly paralysed for months, and was faithfully cared for by the only surviving sister, Tressie.

The funeral will be held this Thursday afternoon from the late home, with interment at Stouffville cemetery.

### Latest Population Figures in Villages, Towns and Townships

According to the Municipal Directory just issued by the King's Printer, Province of Ontario, the following are the population figures for the northern municipalities in the County of York, according to the assessment figures taken last year:

Newmarket	4,264
Aurora	3,396
Richmond Hill	1,677
Stouffville	1,438
Markham village	1,283
Woodbridge	1,246
Sutton	1,075
Markham Tp.	6,425
Whitchurch Township	2,717
Vaughan Township	6,420
Georgina township	1,422
Gwillimbury townships	3,535
Gwillimbury N	1,711
King Township	5,129

### GARAGE CHANGES HANDS

David Dunn who bought the Arthur Swift garage a few years ago, has sold his business to F. R. Grover of Toronto, an experienced mechanic. This garage is located on the south side of Main street, opposite the Miss Gertrude Todd home. Mr. Dunn has taken a position in Toronto, and expects to move his family shortly.

### CHANGES ON THE AVENUE

Mrs. Will Slack is reported to have closed a deal for the purchase of the Levi Forsyth double house on the south side of O'Brien Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth will move to another house on the avenue, formerly the house of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Belfry Hamilton now in the Stouffer house will move to an apartment prepared for them over Mr. Hamilton's store in the west end block.

### Assessor Resigns After Thirteen Years

Fred Cummings Estimates Assessment Grown \$300,000 During His Tenure of Office

Mr. Fred Cummings, assessor for the Township of Whitchurch, has resigned the position, and his resignation was received with regrets by the council in session at Vandorf last Saturday. Reeve Evans and members of council asked Mr. Cummings if there was any use in making overtures to him, and he replied, "no."

Thirteen years ago Mr. Cummings was appointed assessor for half the township and three years later took on the whole job alone. Councilors said he had done an excellent job. He is a builder and electrician and this factor enabled him to be a good appraiser. Further, he kept accurate figures and carefully written assessment rolls.

Since Mr. Cummings became an assessor the roll has grown by approximately \$300,000, he estimates, while hundreds of new assessments, mostly small and in the lake areas, have been added.

Clerk Crawford was instructed to call for applications to fill the position, and these will be acceptable until April 9th. Mr. Cummings promised to render assistance to a new man while getting familiarized with the work.

A sheep claim filed by Arthur Vernon was ordered paid in the amount of \$15 for one sheep killed by dogs.

Ex-Warden Chas. Hooper accompanied by Mr. Watson addressed council on behalf of the Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Hooper suggested that Whitchurch provide \$600 this year. "If we are to maintain our prestige, that which we have now gained at Ottawa and at Queen's Park, we must have money to carry on," Mr. Hooper declared. "We have to keep men on the job at these points."

The farmers are now strong enough at Ottawa to be recognized, and any farm legislation pending is known to them. They are working for the farmer, and if we assert ourselves through the Federation, we could demand our rights as the largest industrial group in Canada, he emphasized. Mr. Hooper said there was a possibility of covering every farm family with hospitalization insurance at moderate cost through the Federation.

Later in the day council made a grant of \$250 to the Federation. Last year they donated \$150.

The agreement was signed with the town of Aurora designating the fire area and the cost to the township for west side of Whitchurch, similar to the agreement in existence with Stouffville on the east side.

Councillors Ivan McLaughlin and Fred Timbers moved a resolution supporting the demands made on the Dominion government for \$100 per month for total disability war veterans. "I am right for it," said Deputy Reeve Logan.

"I am in sympathy with the payment but such resolutions only clutter up the waste baskets," said Reeve Evans who supported the resolution.

### Red Wings Bow to Powerful Hamilton Team 8-3

Stouffville Red Wings bowed to Hamilton Aerovox, 8-3 on Tuesday night in the first game of their O.H.A. Junior 'B' playoffs. The powerful Hamilton aggregation led 3-0 at the end of the first period and 5-0 at the end of the second. However, the score far from indicated the play, as the Red Wings bounced the puck time and again around goalie Leeson's shoestrings, but just couldn't get it in the net.

In the third period, the home club came through with their regular rally, which has characterized their play all season, and picked off three of the prettiest goals of the night. Ross broke the goose egg for Stouffville at the four minute mark, scoring on a passout from MacMillan. Jewett added another five minutes later, whacking in a pass from Atkinson. Bun Sellers was the third Stouffville scorer, Ross getting the assist. Norm Stunden in the Red Wing net, also rated a local star. For Hamilton, Kraft-check was tops, with a goal and five assists to his credit. Penalties handed out were three to Stouffville, and six to Hamilton. Bill Morrison and Chas. Webster were the officials.

The second game will be played in Hamilton on Friday night. The matter of whether or not the series would be declared, a goals-to-count round or a best-of-three was still in dispute at press time. Hamilton were doing everything possible to have the series held to a goals count round, and trouble was brewing on Wednesday morning with the O.H.A. for acceding to the wishes of the "big town."

### PICKERING VETS ELECT OFFICERS

Arthur Sutherland has been elected president of North Pickering branch of the Canadian Legion, and S. Dunning, vice-president with O. Graham, 2nd vice. The election took place on Monday evening. The secretary of the branch is H. Hopkins and Jos. Farr is treasurer. At a future meeting on Monday, Mar. 22nd, at 8 p.m., a three-man executive will be chosen when the branch convenes in the Community Hall at Claremont.

### Gasoline Tank Owners Will Be Taxed

Now that the Main business section of Stouffville from the east end of the village (Whitchurch 10th,) to the C.N.R. tracks is under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Dept. of Highways, gasoline tanks along the way will be subject to the highway tax, imposed over the province for such gasoline service that is situated on these highways.

Tanks within eight feet of the street line are subject to a tax of \$25 per year, those located within 25 feet and not closer than eight feet of the line pay a tax of \$5 per year, while tanks back 25 ft. from the road are tax free.

The higher taxed tanks will ultimately be ordered off the street since cars pull up at many of the block sidewalks which are intended for pedestrians only.

### Former Minister Called to Almonte

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi held this week in Newcastle, New Brunswick, an unanimous call from St. John's Presbyterian Church, Almonte, Ontario, was placed in the hands of Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, Minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, New Carlisle, Quebec. Mr. Rayner, formerly minister of St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, accepted the call and his induction at Almonte will take place on Friday, April 2nd. The Moderator, expressing the deep regret of the Presbytery as losing Mr. Rayner, recalled that he had only promised to come to New Carlisle for one winter but had yielded to pressure and remained 18 months. He said that the best wishes of the Presbytery of Miramichi would go with Mr. Rayner in his new work nearer to his family.

Almonte is a town of some 3,000 population, 35 miles southwest of Ottawa. The many friends of Rev. Mr. Rayner in this community will wish him God-speed in his new pastorate.

### A Close Call in Owen Sound Final



The action snapped here was in the third playoff hockey game at Owen Sound which saw Stouffville eliminate the Georgian Bay team 10-3. Norm Stunden, who played a spark-

ing game in the net for the Red Wings, and was one of the stars against Hamilton on Tuesday night, despite the 3 pucks that passed him, is seen here guarding his fort against

Bill Nixon of Owen Sound. Husky Mac Clement, Stouffville defenceman, can be seen behind Nixon, ready to break, if the puck comes his way. —photo courtesy Sun-Times

### Man Dies Sitting Up In Rocking Chair

On Friday, March 12th, 1948, Abijah Brown, died with tragic suddenness while sitting in a rocking chair in the kitchen of his home on Main St., four doors west of the school building. The suddenness of his death was almost tragic from another standpoint, in that he had been married only two weeks before. His wife of so short a period was in the home with him, and ran for help to the neighbors when she believed Mr. Brown had fainted. Lou Morden hurried across to her aid, and at once realized the man had passed on. The doctor was called, but of course nothing could be done.

Abijah Brown was born 74 years ago on the 2nd concession of Uxton what in recent years was known as the O'Boyle place. He was a son of Thomas Brown, early settler. He was a farmer all his active days, and retired to town six years ago when his first wife Margaret Mulligan died shortly after they located here.

Twelve of a family survive this union, six sons and six daughters. They are, Wilmot, Thomas, Clarence, Charlie, Albert, and Percy Brown, Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Walter Gray, Mrs. Norman Hisey, Mrs. Orval Wideman, Mrs. Thos. Davis and Mrs. J. Muirhead. Thirty grandchildren also survive, and the members of the family were all present for the funeral on Monday afternoon.

Abijah Brown and Martha Hollingsworth were married only a couple of weeks before his death, and the shock was so great the bride of so short a time, collapsed on Monday morning. (day of the funeral), and never revived until her husband was buried. Her condition was reported as critical on Tuesday from the Brierbush Hospital where she was removed to.

### BIRTHS

HORNSBY—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hornsby (nee Blanche Slack) are happy to announce the birth of their son Kerry Glenn at the Mayfair Private Hospital on Thursday, March 11, 1948. A playmate for Wayne.

GRAHAM—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, Saturday, March 6, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Graham, Uxbridge, a daughter.

MUNROE—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, Friday, March 12, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. James Munroe, Uxbridge, a son, James Edward.

### Late Appeals Not Allowed by Whitchurch

Whitchurch township Court of Revision on Saturday told A. E. Petrie, president of the Wilcox Lake ratepayers association that they would not recognize appeals he had filed that did not conform with the statutes in regard to the time limit for filing appeals. The Court sustained the assessment on two appeals that were filed in the proper time.

Reeve Evans presided, and all members of council were present as members of the Court of Revision.

Deputy Reeve Logan told Mr.

Petrie that he was agreeable to listen to him 15 or 20 minutes, but no longer. "We have no right to deal with appeals filed late," said Mr. Logan.

Clerk Crawford said he had written opinion from the solicitor, indicating that appeals must be filed within the time prescribed by the Assessment Act, otherwise the Court could not hear them. "We will appeal to the Judge," said Mr. Petrie, who thanked the Court when he refused to discuss his own appeal, one of which council sustained the valuation of the assessor on.

Taxes around Wilcox Lake are increased largely because of school costs, Assessor Fred Cummings explained. Many cottagers are now year-round residents and use the school there.

### Ballantrae Farmer is Seed Fair Champion

Clifford Wallwork Gets York County Honors in Junior Farmer Competitions

Farmers from all parts of York County were at Woodbridge Friday to attend the Crop Association 12th annual seed fair. It was not only old-timers but also York County Junior Farmers who helped fill Orange Hall, where the fair took place. There were 52 entries. Champion of the day was Clifford Wallwork of Ballantrae. He won three firsts and one second prize. His late Ajax oats, late oats and potatoes placed him first, and he was second in the barley contest. Eldred King, Markham, took the honors of the Junior Farmers. He and his three runners-up, Harold Lapp, Markham; Ray Ingleton, Agincourt, and Carl Boynton, Woodbridge, won the Eaton trophy, for the first four among the junior contestants.

Other winners were: Golden chaff winter wheat, J.M. Thirkle, Weston Cornell 595 winter wheat, Norman Payne, Maple; barley, Alvin Robinson, Gormley; barley (smooth) L.S. Livingston, Woodbridge; Ajax oats, Cliff. Wallwork; early oats, Bruce Watson, Woodbridge late oats, Cliff. Wallwork; alsike, Robt. Watson, Woodbridge; ladino clover Radford Gardhouse, Weston; timothy, J.M. Thirkle, Maple; registered and certified oats, J.M. Thirkle; registered and certified barley, Clark Young, Milliken late potatoes, C. Wallwork.

Judges were George Gray, Barrie, R.C. Goodin, Toronto, and Dr. McRostie and Prof. Waddell.

### Rev. Wm. Kendall Loses a Sister In England

His Departure for Canada 30 Years Ago Said Reason She Became a Recluse

A dispatch from Yorkshire, England says: "The brother whose departure for Canada is believed to have in part caused the withdrawal from ordinary life of aged recluse Hilda Kendall, lives at Bala, Ont., relatives said." He is Rev. Wm. Kendall formerly a resident of Uxbridge Township.

Miss Kendall, who lived 30 years in a century-old manor house with only a sheep dog as a companion, was buried near the 20-room Sington Manor, where she had been in seclusion.

William Kendall is the brother who left for Canada 30 years ago to serve as a missionary among the Indians.

Death last week of the 74-year-old Miss Kendall was attributed to heart failure following the death of her dog.

"A cousin of the dead woman said, 'We cannot trace a will or even her lawyer.'"

Police said food was delivered daily to the recluse by a villager, who saw only her hands as they accepted the packages.

Mrs. Truman Holden who is in her 83rd year, is on a visit to relatives in Bobcaygeon.