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General Rate Up Two Mills for Markham Township Taxpayers

In keeping with the increased cost of almost everything, including high wages, Markham Township Council bowed to the inevitable and advanced the general township tax rate two mills for 1948. Other rates run close to the 1947 setup, excepting schools and most of them, it is predicted, will show increased costs, but the council have no control over school taxes. The taxpayer, however, will be assured in most instances of a two mill increase, unless there has been reduction in assessment.

Reeve Griffin introduced a by-law to provide the funds totalling \$45,000 for extension to Unionville public school. The section has an assessment of \$452,631, and the debentures will be spread over a period of 20 years.

Another bylaw was completed at Monday's meeting confirming the appointment in legal form of W. H. Clark as road superintendent as reported in last week's paper. Mr. Maxwell who held the job jointly with Mr. Clark, will have charge of the book-keeping which is a considerable undertaking in this case.

A consultation with the weed inspectors resulted in advising the officers to do the best they could this year in encouraging farmers to cut their weeds.

The regular meeting on Monday with all members of council present was marked by its brevity. Reeve Griffin said at 4:30 that business was completed and a motion for adjournment would be in order. He quickly received one.

Goods Made Here on Display this Week

The Home Manufacturing Co. Display Stouffville Made Wearing Apparel at Spofford's Store

This week Spofford's display window on Main street will be especially interesting with an array of goods made in Stouffville by the Home Manufacturing Co., who are taking this method to acquaint the people of town and district with the work of the local company who established themselves here two years ago, and who give employment from 15 to 20 girls as machine operators on kitted goods. Ladies' cotton blouses, smocks, children's rompers, pinafores, also boys' shirts may be seen in the display. It is a fact you will appreciate that the company have taken the trouble to acquaint the local people with their lines in this way, all of which will be to the advantage of the concern in the long run. Persons purchasing these goods will feel proud to know their garments were made right here in town. In fact they will shop around for Home goods.

CHRIS. FORSYTH PASSED ON

An aged resident of Uxbridge Township Christopher Forsyth died in Oshawa Hospital on Friday last in his 82nd year. He is survived by his wife, the former Annie Palmer, and was widely known over the district during his active days.

The funeral service was held in Fifth Line Church, Uxbridge, on Monday, with interment taking place at Uxbridge cemetery.

Brothers Exchange Reunion Presidency

At the annual Timbers reunion held in Ratcliff park on Dominion Day Councillor Win Timbers of Markham stepped down from the presidency and the position was taken by brother Councillor Fred Timbers of Whitchurch.

There were 110 members of the clan present which was a slight decline from the usual attendance. While none came from great distances, letters were read from Utah, and in Yakima, U.S. Then another member sent regrets from Winnipeg.

Joseph Timbers, 83 years of age, was the oldest member present, but not the most frail by any means. Youngest Timbers on the grounds was Baby Karon, five months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Timbers.

Baseball and other sports occupied the afternoon, which was topped by a grand supper.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cockburn announce the engagement of their only daughter Gweneth W. to Clifford M. Schell, son of Mrs. A. Barkey, Markham, and the late W. Schell, the marriage to take place the middle of July in Church of the Open Bible, Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hodgson of Claremont, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Blanche to Alexander Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson of Hamilton, the marriage to take place on July 31st, 1948.

Trophy Presentation



When his team mates on the Stouffville hockey club named Don Campbell as the year's most effective player on the

line-up, the club served a supper at the Mayfair, and presented him with the silver trophy, the gift of the O.H.A. Reeve A. V. Nolan presented

the trophy and told Campbell that any uncertainty as to his right to the trophy was removed since the judges were his competitors.

Toronto Teacher F. R. Elliot Dies

Was Sixth Generation Canadian Born on Buttonville Farm

Fred Robert Elliott, Toronto, teacher at Zion Public School for the past five years and a former member of the staff of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, died Saturday at his home in Buttonville. He was in his 48th year.

Mr. Elliott was a member of the Button family, who gave their name to the village, and was the sixth generation born on the farm there. He received his education at Markham High School, Central Technical School, Toronto, and the Ontario College of Pharmacy. After teaching for several years in the Kirkland Lake district, he joined the staff of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, where he remained for five years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Edna Wolstenholme; a son, Ross Elliot; his mother, Mrs. Elma Elliot, Buttonville, and a brother, Cecil Elliot, of Toronto.

Ball-Burnham Clan Meet in Scott Twp.

The Ball-Burnham clan picnic was held last week on the Cliff Elford farm near Sandford in Scott Township, with about 150 in attendance.

Mr. O. M. Madill of Altona who was returned as president for several years, retired, and the position goes to Roly Ball of Toronto. Harry Elford is the secretary.

The oldest man present was William Ball of Uxbridge, and the eldest lady Mrs. Benjamin Ball. Next year the group plan to meet at the Ray Burnham farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winterstein accompanied by Mr. Joe Mertens and Margery spent Sunday at Weston with Mrs. Frank Mertens and Elva.

Former Gormley Man Honored on Birthday

On July the 1st a very happy time was enjoyed when 26 children, grandchildren and friends gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker's cottage at Lake Simcoe to celebrate Mr. Baker's 72nd birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klees and family of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Houck and family of Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Baker and Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Baker and family of Newmarket. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild, little Karon Choppell of Edmonton, Alta. Baby Karon (who was absent) expects to spend August with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Klees, also with the great grandparents.

An attractively decorated table was set in the cottage. Mr. Baker placed the knife in the birthday cake, which was made by Mrs. Klees. Gifts and wishes were affectionately given. The afternoon was spent boating and horse shoe pitching.

A year ago Mr. Baker suffered a slight stroke but has made a remarkable recovery and as usual he enjoyed the boating and even tried his luck at the horse shoes.

Two years ago this active couple left Gormley to remodel an old home in Newmarket. Their ambitions are now realized and their newly appearing home is surely a credit to them.

A BAD PREDICAMENT

"I can't eat with 'em in, and can't eat with 'em out," read a letter received by Markham Township council on Monday, from an elderly lady living in the municipality. She was seeking aid, and along this line asked the council what she might do to get some satisfaction out of a pair of poorly fitted dentures.

Took "Dickie" Barber's Car, Jailed for One Year

Sentence was handed out this week to Ross Cameron, 17, Toronto, who pleaded guilty to stealing three cars along with his unidentified accomplices. Cameron admitted they stole a car in Toronto, drove to Milliken, stole "Dickie" Barber's car from his home, and crashed into a bridge on highway No. 7. The three walked half a mile to Buttonville where they stole a third car. Cameron who suffered cuts on his neck had to go to hospital, and this identified him later. The last car was left in a ditch near Musselman's Lake, police stated.

PROMINENT CANADIAN DEAD DR. BURTON BORN AT GREEN RIVER

The death of Dr. Eli Burton, O.B.E., one of the most distinguished instructors in Toronto University, came within a month after his retirement. Having been a native of Green River where he was born 69 years ago, much local interest is focused on his passing. He was a son of George Burton and Eliza Barclay Burton and a brother of C. L. Burton of the Robt. Simpson Co.

Among his scientific achievements were his astonishing success with the colloidal arsenic treatment for cancer, which he developed in 1931 in collaboration with the Toronto surgeon, Dr. A. C. Hendrick; his invention in 1930 of a device to determine the amount of moisture in human and other bodies; and his development in 1940 of an electron microscope capable of 12,700-diameter magnification.

Stouffville I.O.O.F. are attracting big interest with their coming garden party to be held in Memorial Park on Wednesday, July 14. In addition to the Johnston entertainers, they have secured Art Latham, magician, with his bag of tricks and fun for all.

Drowning Fatality First in Eight Years at Musselman's, Recover Body Tuesday Night

Richard Heberlien, 36-year-old resident of Buffalo, N.Y., met death by drowning in Musselman's Lake on Monday afternoon. With a companion the pair went for a boat ride, and when attempting to turn against a strong wind in the east end of the lake the boat capsized. Neither men could swim, and Davis Norris who clung to the side of the overturned boat said that his companion sank immediately.

Norris' calls for help went unheeded for ten minutes as the crowd on the beach and in the water did not realize there was anything wrong.

Dragging operations were at once instituted, with equipment kept by the municipality. This was augmented by help from the Toronto Life Saving Station, but it was not until Tuesday evening (over a day) until they recovered the body about 50 yards from where the boat upset. Constable Watts of Whitchurch and Sgt. Barracough of the County force, brought the body to the surface with the drag net they were operating.

Coroner Dr. S. S. Ball ordered the body sent to Toronto where it will be taken in charge by Dr. Smirlie Lawson, and held for family identification.

The two men were of a party of four who came over from the States to pay a visit to the Dunlop Observatory at Richmond Hill and later proceeded to Musselman's. Heberlien and Norris decided on a boat ride, while Cliff and Jack Stockman, brothers, stretched out on the shore for a sun bath.

The drowned man's next of kin is a sister in Buffalo. This is the first drowning at Musselman's in eight years.

Mr. George Davies, proprietor of Cedar Beach there, said that only boats in perfect condition are kept for hire, and a close watch is maintained on the water. The record of only one fatality in so many years, he considered an excellent having regard for the thousands who go there to boat ride and swim.

Vern Davies and Jim Pidgeon, (postmaster) received Norris in a boat. He proved to be a big fellow over 300 lbs., and was nearly exhausted when taken from the water. He said he seemed to float when the boat upset, and this enabled him to grab the boat and so save himself from the fate of his companion.

WINS \$200 GIFT

Mrs. Sam Fockler, well known local resident, was fortunate in winning the \$200 purse at the Stanley Theatre last week, when her name was called at the Thursday Foto Night. Mrs. Fockler was naturally delighted with the handsome donation.

Another substantial purse of over \$200 awaits someone this Thursday evening who is fortunate enough to be on hand when their name is called.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Stewart of Fort Warren, Manitoba, are visiting his sister Sadie and brother Archie Stewart this week.

New Methods of Haying Tried by Local Farmers

Drive four or five miles any direction out of Stouffville and you will see fields of hay cut and in bales, square shaped or conical, or perhaps just up in the accustomed way. We read that they are using a couple of forage harvesters over in Duferin county, but so far we have not witnessed this operation here.

Different types of machines for haying are coming in fast," Mr. Cockburn, York Agricultural Representative, told the press last week-end. One local dealer, he said, sold three new hay balers, which he believed fairly representative of sales for dealers in York. Others sold a number of harvesters, and he roughly estimated that there are 40 to 50 harvesters and 100 balers at work this year in the county.

Drying is Speeded "We have two new machines of another type, called 'hay-makers,'" continued Mr. Cockburn. Steel rollers behind the cutting bar crush the stems after the hay is cut, a process which speeds drying, particularly with clovers.

Apparently, the machines are stimulating considerable thought and discussion among farmers experimenting with them. Speaking to one man with a forage harvester, Mr. Cockburn found him more enthusiastic about his neighbor's hay-maker, because it dried hay more quickly. In this instance, of course, the harvester was used for storing dried hay only, the common practice in York.

Mr. Cockburn also described the performance of a new steel silo for storing dry, chopped hay. York possesses two of them, one on Leitchcroft farms, and a newer and larger one on the farm of Col. Phillips, near Orillia, who has been observing Leitchcroft results. An electric motor in the bottom of the silo draws air through the perforations, through the hay, and expels it through a centrally located ventilator shaft.

Little Spoilage Mr. Cockburn found little spoilage in the Leitchcroft silo. What there was had been caused by water that ran in from the barn and not by faulty performance of the silo. However, it is expensive, and Mr. Cockburn feels it will not reduce labor, one of the foremost problems to be solved by small farmers.

Lincoln grows less hay than the other counties, but E. F. Neff said that machinery was still difficult to buy. However, he described a new venture in Lincoln which is more commonly practiced in the United States. One of the milling companies buys alfalfa from the farmers and hauls it to a plant where it is wet and ground. Field drying in wet weather is eliminated, and the farmer's work ends with cutting.

Pay for Alfalfa

Although prices differ here, some estimate of the distribution of costs for the process can be made from those given by a \$75,000 dehydrating plant in the U.S. Last year the company paid farmers \$17 a dry ton for alfalfa—they average two to three dry tons per acre. Cutting, chopping, hauling and dehydrating enough alfalfa (all done by the company) to produce a dry ton (two or three tons freshly cut) cost approximately \$15. At the time, alfalfa meal sold for nearly \$100 a ton, retail.

So far as Mr. Cockburn is aware, no portable dehydrators have been used yet in Ontario. One type now in use in the U.S. can be hauled into the fields. A six-ton machine, will dry over 2,000 pounds of freshly cut hay an hour. Operating costs are about \$15 an hour and the machine can be used to dry a great many other products besides hay, such as soybean vines, distiller's grains and even peas.

More Vitamin "A" The machine is expensive at \$7,895 (American). Nevertheless, according to U.S. findings, dried alfalfa hay has ten times as much vitamin A as field cured hay and, in protein content, the alfalfa meal ranks with concentrate feeds. A few farmers in the U.S. are using portable machines to cure alfalfa for feeding to cattle. One source estimates that animals require 10 per cent less than ordinary hay, but there are not enough feeding facts established to know whether the machine can be used economically for that purpose.

FIVE NEW POLLING SUB-DIVISIONS IN PICKERING

At the regular meeting of Pickering Township Council, Monday, a bylaw was passed creating five new polling sub-divisions for the township. All the new polls with the exception of one, on the Brock Rd., are at the lakefront. This brings to a total of seventeen, the number of polling sub-divisions in Pickering.

Whitchurch Strawberry Festival Gets Big Patronage



Mount Pisgah church may not be as well known in Whitchurch Township, as some churches, but when the ladies

resumed the old-time strawberry festival last week, crowds came from all directions. The Mt. Pisgah church on the third

concession was built in 1870. Here the ladies prepare the berries which were served from heavily laden tables in the

church shed. More than five crates of berries along with cakes, pies, jellies, and other sweets were consumed.