

Town's Oldest Grocery Modern Groceteria

The Ratcliff store, oldest grocery in Stouffville, is closed until Friday to regular business while the big store is being remodelled by a carpentering gang in readiness to servicing the public as a modern groceteria. Mr. Glen Ratcliff announces that the store will reopen on Friday morning under the new set-up.

During the few days the place was closed new flooring was laid. The old floor was removed and new underflooring laid, over which a hardwood top was put down. The shelving was all removed and in its place fittings suitable for a modern groceteria were installed.

With conversion of the Ratcliff store to a self-serve groceteria, every grocery in the business area is now conducted in this manner. Recently Hodgins west end grocery was converted to the new arrangement so popular among the best city grocery establishments and big chain outfits. The self-serve system has many things to commend itself. The customer likes it better, prices are bound to be plainly marked, and from the point of view of owners, groceries sell better on display, and the customer invariably buys more than they probably would by the over-the-counter system. Big stores maintain that less help can do more work, since parcelling can be done in off-rough periods and everything is sold in definite weights or amounts.

The Ratcliff store is particularly well adapted for groceteria service. It has the necessary floor space to make a good display, and unquestionably the buying public is going to like the change. Mr. Ratcliff says that if customers do not wish to help themselves they will find clerks available to serve them, thus it will actually be a dual service groceteria.

Firemen Make Record Run to Markham

It was just ten minutes from the time the big motor rolled out of the fire hall on Main street until they reached Markham village in response to a call where the Hendry toy factory, in the rear of the Ford agency building, was getting beyond control.

Cars trailing the fire engine going down the 8th concession didn't keep up when the fire ladders gained their top speed. The call came when the fire equipment in the neighboring town was found unable to cope with the situation. Brigades from Agincourt, Unionville and Richmond Hill also assisted.

The building in which fire broke out from unknown cause was once the business place of the late Delbert Holden of Stouffville who was the Ford agent at that time.

Conflicting reports and exaggerated statements in the daily press were most amazing about the fire. Some residents deny that explosives were kept on the premises, which might conflict with fire regulations, and that the toy company manufactured only toy guns. In any case the fire is reported to have started in the office and spread to the factory at the rear and overhead. The stout walls of the building remained intact and probably were responsible for the fire being confined to the one building. The Stouffville brigade carried 1200 feet of first-class hose, which was appreciated when streams of water were needed from hydrants some distance from the scene of the conflagration.

Salvation Army Here

The Salvation Army will make their annual fall salvage collection in Stouffville next Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 2 and 3. Household items are appealed to for their cast off materials, clothing etc., to assist the Army with their charitable work.

Offer of \$10,500 for Claremont Farm is Rejected at Auction

Dawson's 100 acre farm just north of Claremont, rejected a bid of \$10,500 for the property at the auction sale held on the premises on Tuesday. The sum didn't reach the reserve bid. Sellers & Atkinson reported. Wheat sold for \$1.50 a bus. and mixed grain \$2.00 cwt. The big crowd kept up lively bidding. Horse drawn farm implements were on the sale list as the farm had not turned to power machinery.

A flock of geese sold for \$6.00 per bird, and suckling pigs \$12.00 each. The highest cow brought \$180. Shorthorn breed.

The executors are anxious to sell the farm and are seeking a buyer.

Outstanding Local High School Athletes



—photo by Ted Cadieux
These three Stouffville students won championships at the recent inter-school field meet at Markham Fair Grounds. They are, left to right, Helen Goudie, senior girl champion; Murray Wagg, tied for Senior boy championship; Marion Atkinson, Junior girl champion.

Santa Claus Parade On December 11th

The real Christmas season will be ushered in at Stouffville with a big Santa Claus parade, on Saturday, Dec. 11, according to latest plans made by the Business Men's Association at a meeting last week. Details have yet to be worked out and when this is done the public will be fully acquainted with the undertaking.

It is also intended to hold the annual Christmas market this year on Tuesday, Dec. 21, and in keeping with other years, a horse show will be staged the same day.

A. E. Weldon was returned as president of the Business Men's Association with Glen Ratcliff vice-president. Wes. Boadway will continue as secretary-treasurer, and the directors are Norman O'Boyle, Harold Spofford, Reg. Stouffer, Don Hodgins.

Wouldbe Thieves Leave Without Loot

Everybody admires the two fine homes on the banks of the old mill pond, corner of the townline and 6th concession of Whitchurch. The north residence belonging to Mr. Barrie was broken into a few nights ago. Thieves passed through a window and gave evidence of having been about inside, but so far as the owner could discover nothing was taken from the premises. The thieves were just looking over the place or sought money.

VICTORIA SQUARE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Friends far and near are invited to the Victoria Square United Church next Sunday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., to hear Rev. Dr. W. C. Johnston, professor at the Emmanuel College. Special singing in the morning by Miss Eleanor Olgive and Mr. Don Jollett of High Park church. In the evening the Ladies Octette from Stouffville will be present.

* Ladies' Bowling Club bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Reserve date.

Week's Hydro Quota Exceeded by 840 kwh.

The village of Stouffville exceeded its hydro quota last week by 840 kilowatts. The power was cut for a half hour four nights Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This week Wednesday will be included in the cut-offs. If the quota of 5,000 per day is exceeded further additional cut-offs will be demanded.

Everybody hopes this will not be necessary, and if everybody contributes honestly to the saving of current, further cuts could be avoided.

So far as officials can say at this time, the half hour cut-offs will continue indefinitely into the weeks ahead, but additional cuts will all depend on the demand for current.

The daily draw:

	(quota 5,000)
Monday, Oct. 18	5500
Tuesday, Oct. 19	5080
Thursday, Oct. 21	4720
Friday, Oct. 22	5200
	20,500

Rodeo Show Well Received Here

Steele's Cavalcade of Stars, brought to town by the Stouffville Lions Club for a one-night stand in the arena, was well-received on Tuesday evening by a crowded house of about seven hundred.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the sauer kraut betterment program in Memorial Park.

Sauer Kraut For the Newspaper-Record Markham Cabbage

Cabbage are a splendid crop this fall, and if prices are maintained this winter which is likely to be the case, prices will do well on the market. Mr. Anthony Hoover presented The Tribune with a couple of beautiful looking heads on Monday that tipped the scales at 32 lbs., hence will assure the editor a good supply of sauer kraut this winter and relieves him of the worry about high living costs, said the donor.

A single head weighed 16½ lbs., and Mr. Hoover says his crop in this line was perhaps the finest ever grown on the farm. Mr. Hoover certainly can grow cabbage to perfection.

25c Ticket Bought in Stouffville, Wins \$1800 Motor Car in Uxbridge

Standing on the street in Stouffville a couple of weeks ago Saturday night Mr. Jack Lefevre of Toronto was accosted by a man from Uxbridge selling tickets on a Chevrolet car in aid of the proposed hospital in Uxbridge town. Jack willingly handed out 25c and received his ticket. On Friday night the same ticket number was drawn and Mr. Lefevre, a relative of the Hollidges at Vivian was declared the winner of the car.

Mr. Lefevre came out on Saturday and drove the car down to Stouffville, spending the weekend at the home of Mr. Cliff Hollidge, manager of the Vivian York County forest.

BIRTHS

SHERK—Paul and Norma Sherk are happy to announce the arrival of a son, John Alexander, at the Brierbush Hospital, on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1948, a brother for Kathy.

WAGG—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wagg of R.R.3, Stouffville, announce the birth of their son on Oct. 24, 1948, a baby brother for Bobby.

LISCOMBE—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Liscombe, Brougham, are happy to announce the birth of a son, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, Oct. 25, 1948.

VAUGHAN—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vaughan, Markham, are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

HICKS—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hicks, Markham, announce the birth of their son, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Whitchurch Traveller Loses Goods in Fire

Blake Yake, dry goods traveller, lost nearly a thousand dollars in goods on Friday night, when fire of unknown origin broke out in the house of his father, Austin Yake, just south of Lemonville, on the 7th con. of Whitchurch.

Stouffville Fire Brigade made a fast run to the Yake home, and fought a stubborn blaze in the house wall for several hours. The house, of concrete construction, was not damaged to any great extent, as the firemen confined the outbreak to the front upstairs wall. However, Mr. Yake's dry goods were stored in the room where the outbreak occurred, and were damaged by smoke, and the smouldering heat which had gone on some time before it was discovered.

Blake was in the house alone at the time, and noticed a blister appear on the kitchen ceiling. Hurrying upstairs he found the room thick with smoke, and rushed to the telephone to give the alarm.

Markham Landowners Voice Opinions on Proposed Land Bylaw

Unionville hall was astir on Monday morning when the Ontario Municipal Board heard complaints from land owners in Markham township against a proposed land bylaw that is designed to regulate the use of land for certain purposes as to location, space, character and use of buildings erected or altered in the township.

Former Reeve Charlie Hooper warned the township council against enacting a bylaw that might work hardship in some instances. He maintained that the bylaw might compel farmers to keep their buildings back a stated distance from the road allowance which perhaps would not be desirable. Present buildings too close to the road to comply with the bylaw would not be affected, but said Mr. Hooper, "What about the case where a man's buildings burn down, and he wants to rebuild on the old site."

Every ratepayer in the township has been supplied with a copy of the proposed bylaw which will be brought into force if and when it is approved by the Municipal Bd. It was stated that the Board is likely to approve the bylaw with certain minor modifications, partly meeting objections raised at this meeting.

Markham Tractor Goes To Uxbridge From Hiltz Auction Sale

Reuben Tindall of Goodwood paid \$1060 for the tractor offered at auction on the farm of Everton Hiltz, 3rd con. of Markham, on Tuesday, at a public auction where stiff prices ruled throughout. The tractor plow didn't follow the tractor to a new home, but brought \$170. A six-foot binder realized \$150, and mixed grain went at \$2.20 cwt., and oats 67½¢ per bushel. Baled hay brought \$14 a ton.

Auctioneer Farmer turned through an average of 125 individual sales every hour from 12.30 to 5.15 when the last article was sold. Total sale ran \$4,600 of which \$500 was for household furniture.

N. York Has First Feminine Plowman in Match History, Horse Plowing Popular

Nineteen teams competed in the plowing match last Wednesday of the North York Plowmen's Association. There were thirty-eight entries in all, the largest turnout of horses in some time. The match was held on the farm of Walter Woods near Aurora.

Harley Timbers, Unionville, won the Eglinton Hunt Club silver trophy for the best plowed land in the match, also the Salada Tea special, the coveted prize which entitles the winner to compete for the Salada Tea Co.'s trip to England in next year's International Show.

The Allis Chalmers special went to Dave Ratcliff, Stouffville; the oldest plowman was Jas. Lee of Greenbank, and the youngest, Eugene Timbers, Milliken; the Esso tractor special was won by Ernest Evans, Maple.

Catherine Dyceman of Queensville, the first girl to ever compete in a North York match stood fourth in the stubble class, 18 years old and under.

The banquet for this twenty-fifth annual competition was held in the evening in the Masonic Hall, Aurora.

Class 1 (sod, open jointers)—Harley Timbers, Unionville; Carl Timbers, Aurora; Norm Jarvis, Markham.

Class 2 (jointers)—Wm. Holden, Manilla; Harris White, Sutton.

Class 3 (stubble)—B. Wylie, Oakwood; Roy Smith, Gormley; Duncan Watson, Woodbridge.

Class 4 (stubble)—Jack Dancy, Cannington; Horace Berwick, Holt. Class 5 (stubble, 18 years and under)—Eugene Timbers, Milliken; Howard Timbers, Aurora; Wm. Thomas, Maple. Catherine Dyceman, Queensville first girl in match, came 4th.

Class 6 (tractors in sod)—Bob Timbers, Stouffville; Ern Evans, Maple; Joe Tran, Claremont.

Class 7 (tractors in stubble)—Leslie Smith, Gormley; Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville; Merv. Harper, Stouffville.

Class 8 (tractors)—Ed. Ferguson, Stouffville; Ivan Dageer, Stouffville; Ed Trent, Lindsay.

Class 9 (tractors in stubble)—Geo. Timbers, Stouffville; Norman Tindall, Richmond Hill; Allan Wells, Stouffville.

Oldest plowman—Jas. Lee, Greenbank.

Best team—Jack Woods, Aurora; Geo. Richardson, Aurora; Keith Thomas, Aurora.

Best going team—Jack Woods, Aurora; Eugene Timbers, Milliken; Howard Timbers, Aurora.

MARKHAM AND STOUFFVILLE SURE STARTERS IN INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

Markham finally placed an entry with the O.H.A. this week for Intermediate 'A' hockey this winter. There has been considerable doubt as to whether or not the green and white would be on the ice again, with over half last year's squad either picked up by other centres, or feeling the pinch of age too much to continue. However, sports interests couldn't see the club folded so easily, and are working hard to re-organize. That makes a group of Markham, Stouffville, Diggins (Richmond Hill), and Lindsay. Whitby and Q & L Flyers are still question marks.

N. Ontario Conservatives Meet in Convention

The annual meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association of the old riding of North Ontario was held in the town hall in Cannington, on Friday evening.

The new officers elected are:

Hon. President, Thomas Harrison, Beaverton, R.R.; President, Los McMullen, Sunderland, R.R.; 1st Vice President, George Todd, Goodwood; 2nd Vice President, Ray Ferguson, Uxbridge; 3rd Vice President, Elmor Robertson, Udney; Secretary, Mason Horner, Cannington.

Messrs. Cameron McKenzie and Mason Horner were selected as delegates to attend the delegate convention at the Royal York Hotel on Saturday afternoon, October 30th, to arrange a date for a Provincial Convention to select a new leader, who will automatically become the Prime Minister.

Whom Will You Choose as Councillors For Next Year?

Next week we will be into November, nearing the annual municipal election period. Those who hold to the early election date for nominating councils, have only another four or five weeks to wait. Nomination meetings are important gatherings, since the people whom you choose to conduct the municipal business of the various townships, towns and villages are important people, and it is a matter of serious consideration into whose hands the ratepayers shall entrust their business. Unfortunately too few recognize the situation as we have stated it.

In Stouffville there was an election last year, and there could be another election this year. Reeve Nolan is very definite in his statement that he wishes to retire at the end of this term, and will not contest the reeveship, no matter who comes forward to seek the position. All members of the council we understand, are prepared to serve the village again in 1949.

A new reeve may necessitate a shake-up in council, or it could be that some other ratepayer might seek the office. As it is customary to elect reeve from those who have served or are serving on the council, the possibility of next year's reeve being chosen from among the sitting councillors is very likely.

Everybody on the council did their best to give service this year, and a good deal was accomplished, while a few aims of the council and the reeve were not attained. Particularly, the promise to submit the question of appointing a public Utility Commission to handle the water and light business, was not carried out. Council passed a resolution in September instructing the clerk to have the bylaw prepared for submission to the people, but owing to work piling up in the office of the solicitor the bylaw could not be drafted in time to submit to the ratepayers, and was allowed to be passed up for this year.

Another piece of work the council failed to complete this year is the renovation of the fire hall. Only a couple of weeks ago the steel beam reached here for over the fire doors and its delay in arrival held up the job. Since the purchase of the new fire truck it was found the doors are not wide enough for safe passage and Councillor Ogden, chairman of property, has been doing his best to get the necessary header-beam which, as stated, is now here: it is hoped the work can be done soon, weather permitting.

The ratepayers should try and form their opinion on whom they wish to have lead them another year. Stouffville is showing a steady growth, and was the only municipality in the county of York to come out with a reduced tax rate this year. Eighty per cent of the municipalities upped their rate to meet increased costs. It is important to choose men who will give good service, and the job of making a choice is the duty of every household.

Honourable Mr. Leslie Frost and Honourable Art Welsh and Mr. Clayton Hodgson, M.P. for Haliburton, addressed the meeting. Mr. Hodgson spoke on the recent Ottawa Convention and on Dominion affairs.

Honourable Mr. Welsh reminded the meeting that he had been promoted from Minister of Travel and Publicity to that of Planning and Development and there was not such a marked difference in his work; his former duties were to encourage American and other tourists among us, and now his primary duty would be to encourage foreign industries to locate here.

A Committee from Brock Township and Cannington had an interview with Mr. Frost and Mr. Welsh after the meeting relative to having