

Markham Township Students Capture All The Prizes

The second meeting of the Markham-Whitchurch Teachers' Association was held on October 13, at S.S. No. 12 Whitchurch.

The interesting event of the afternoon was the Public Speaking Contest in which each school was privileged to send a contestant.

A five-minute prepared speech was given followed by a three minute impromptu speech. The contestants were judged by Mr. L. C. Murphy of Stouffville High School and Miss Cole of Markham High School.

Winners were Grace Rodick, S.S. No. 8 Markham; Bill Butt, Unionville; Joan Chapin, S.S. No. 13 Markham and Jeannette Vautier of Thornlea (tied). Similar contests are being held throughout the townships of the inspectorate. The finalists of this inspectorate will meet the finalists of the other inspectorates in the York County Council Chambers in November.

Through the courtesy of Radio Station C.F.R.B. a recording of each group winner's speech will be made and presented to the contestant.

The winner of the first prize will be invited to repeat his or her speech over Radio Station C.F.R.B. on the Saturday following the date of the contest.

The winner is to represent the County of York at the Public Speaking Contest of the Regional Section of the Ontario Educational Association Conference to be held during the Easter Holidays, 1949.

NORTHERN ONTARIO PIONEER WOMAN HAS 109TH BIRTHDAY

North Bay — The northland's grand old lady, Mrs. Isabella Sharow, celebrated her 109th birthday Saturday in a hospital bed where she has been confined since she fractured her hip a year and a half ago.

The tiny, bird-like North Bay woman followed her daily routine of awaking, eating, dozing and "just chatting" with other women in her ward. She still sits up in bed and termed one of her more verbose acquaintances "just a clucking hen." She rates another friend whom she considers "old" as "Dotty."

Her bright blue eyes sparkling, Mrs. Sharow recalls the days of her youth when she came with her family to the unexplored wilderness of Northern Ontario. The former Isabella McDonald, she was born in Renfrew.

One of a family of 14, Mrs. Sharow married a lumberman who died 20 years ago. For several years she resided at the Home of the Aged here, moving to hospital when she fractured her hip.

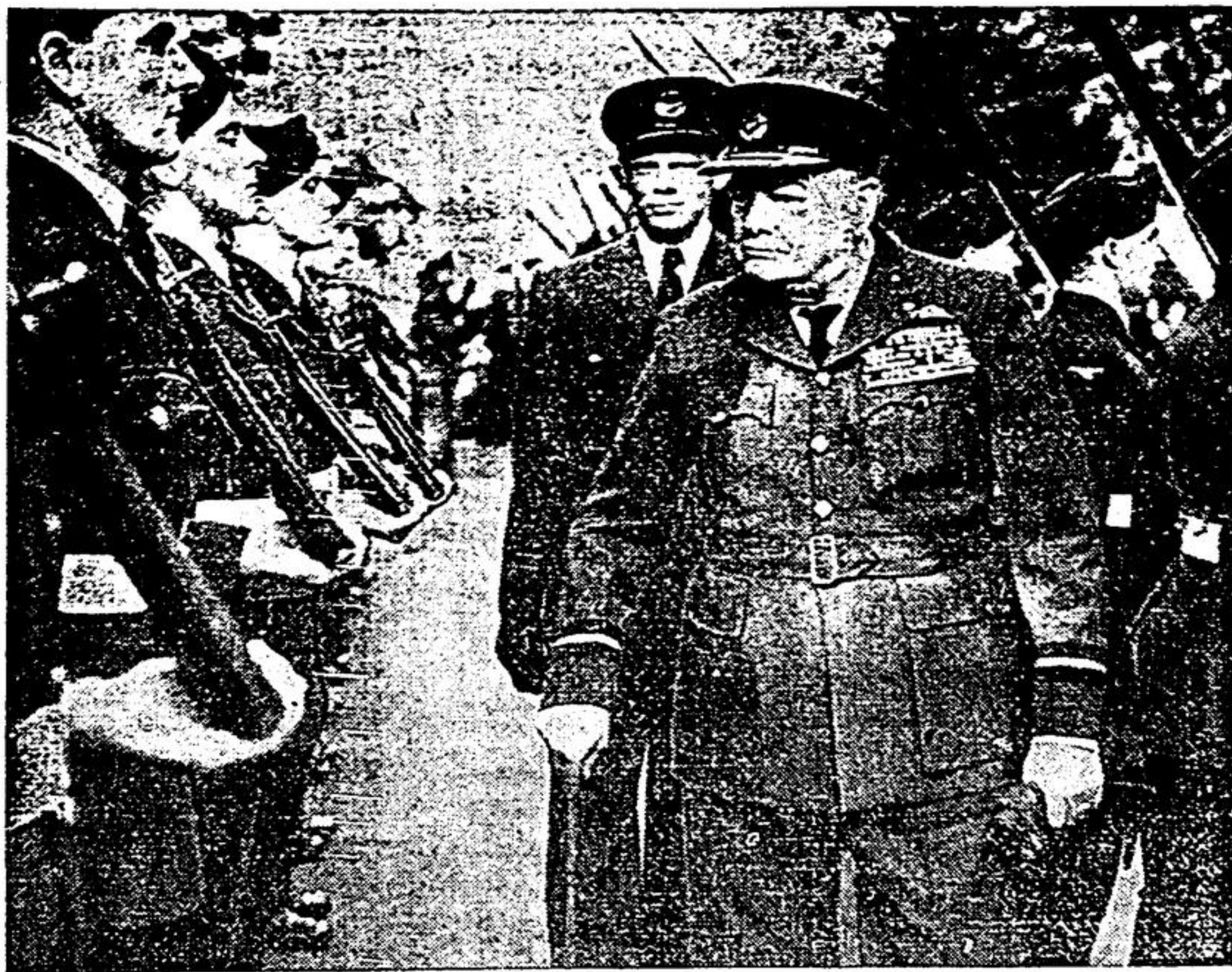
CO-OP PAYS \$10,000 IN HOSPITAL BILLS

Simcoe county Co-operative Medical Services paid hospital accounts of \$10,110.56 during the year ending Aug. 31, 1948. Cash on hand, in the bank and invested \$5,391.45 and net operating surplus was \$2,081.52.

"IKE" INSTALLED



Capped and gowned, General Dwight D. Eisenhower is shown (left) as he received the charter and keys of Columbia University in New York, from Frederick Coykendall, chairman of the university trustees, at his formal installation as president. Gen Eisenhower has actually been in office since June 7. The formal ceremony was attended by leaders in education, government, and industry. In an address, President Eisenhower said that the "full truth" will be the bulwark against communism or any other alien ideology.



A third world war seems "remorselessly approaching," Winston Churchill has warned.

The U.S. stockpile of atom bombs is the only thing keeping the Soviet from overrunning

Europe, he said. Britain's war-time leader 'is seen inspecting guard of R.A.F.

Aged Uxbridge Farmer Borne to the Grave

Active to within a few days of his death William Frederick Byam died at his home on the 5th concession of Uxbridge last week. Fred had been in delicate health for years, but always managed to keep going. He was 78 years of age.

Fred Byam was born in Darlington township, near Port Hope, in 1869, a son of the late Ebra Byam and Nancy Ferguson and came to Uxbridge township when a young lad. In 1897 he married Esther Ann Ball who predeceased him in 1937.

MISREAD ORDER BRAKEMAN DIED

Beaverton—Misreading of a train order resulted in the death of

Left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father are one son Wilbert of Uxbridge and a daughter, Mrs. John Symes of Uxbridge, also a sister, Mrs. Nathan Dunlop of Toronto, and seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral took place from his late home at lot 23, concession 5, Uxbridge, on October 16, the service being conducted by Rev. L. E. Atkinson, to Uxbridge cemetery.

brakeman E. Gordon Sellers of Cookstown, a coroner's jury decided Friday night.

The jury was inquiring into the fatality, Oct. 12, when two Canadian National Railways' freight trains collided head-on at Beaverton West station. Brakeman Sellers, riding in the engine cab of the northbound freight, was scalded to death. The engineer and fireman jumped just before the crash occurred.

The jury found that engineer William Totten read "Rathburn" instead of "Beaverton" as the point where his train was to take a siding to pass the southbound freight.

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PLUNKETT BROTHERS' DAD DIES AT TORONTO

Toronto—Robert W. Plunkett, 91-year-old father of the famous Plunkett brothers of the First World War Dumbells entertainments, died last week. He came here 18 months ago from Orillia. Four sons survive—Merton, Morley, Albert and Sidney.

DECIDE AGAINST SHIFT OF CHRISTMAS DATE

Ottawa—They aren't going to shift Christmas around in Canada this year—or any other year. Government officials said. Canada would not follow the lead of New Zealand, which has decided that Christmas, since it falls on a Saturday this year, will be celebrated there officially on Monday, Dec. 27.

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