

PRESIDENT TRUMAN RETURNED



Gov. Thos. E. Dewey



President Harry Truman

President Harry Truman has been conceded victory by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the presidential race in the United States. Pre-election predictions of a Republican landslide were shattered, as the Democratic Party saw their president returned, and the Republican majority overturned in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Ont. County Judges Live Stock on Farms

The Annual Ontario County Live Stock Judging Competition was held in the Uxbridge district on Saturday, October 30th, with 32 boys in attendance. Classes of live stock were provided for the Judging Competition by the following farmers: Norman Hogg, Uxbridge; Holsteins; Sandon Farms, Goodwood, Shorthorns; Douglas Hall, Uxbridge, Southdown Sheep; Howard Harper, Goodwood, Yorkshire Hogs; Vince Baker, Yorkville, horses.

The following judges were in charge of the various classes: Roy Ormiston, Brooklin, Holsteins; E. A. Summers, Bowmanville, Shorthorns; Doug. Miles, Lindsay, Sheep; LeRoy Brown, Lindsay, Swine; John Batty, Brooklin, Horses.

The trophies were won by the following boys: Horse Trophy, donated by Mr. A. S. Ross, Representative of the Sun Life Insurance Company, won by Maurice Jebson, R.R.1 Oshawa; Dairy Trophy, donated by Elmercroft Farms, Oshawa,

won by Jack Pearson, Uxbridge; Dunrobin Trophy, donated by Major-General John A. Gunn, for the contestant winning the highest marks for the judging of swine, won by Jack Pearson, Uxbridge; and Bob Flett, Oshawa; Canadian National Exhibition Shield. This shield is donated annually to the contestant winning the highest number of points at his first County Live Stock Judging Competition.—Won by Ross Hill, Uxbridge.

Assessment Court Sits To-night

The village council will meet this Thursday night to hear the appeals filed against the 1949 assessment recently completed by Assessor E. R. Good. Mr. Walter Brillinger has appealed his own assessment and that of a number of other citizens, on the ground that his residence is too highly assessed and those of numerous other owners too low in comparison.

The move by Mr. Brillinger has at least directed considerable interest to the meeting.

Blame Thieves for Fire when Till Robbed, Wallet Stolen

Out-of-town thieves are blamed for starting a fire here on Halloween night which destroyed a barn on the premises of Brown and Reesor, Main Street, where many tons of hay are stored in bales. During the excitement the till in Mr. Walter Atkinson's premises next door was relieved of about \$200, and Ken Wagg, local jeweler, lost his wallet containing \$400. Mr. Wagg is a member of the fire brigade and ran in his shirt sleeves east to the scene of the blaze which is next to the old Todd carriage shop as former residents know the locality.

Assisting with the hose, Ken said his wallet stuck out of his hip pocket and would probably be easy "picking" for a sneak thief. The pea soup fog made it almost impossible to identify one standing next to you. When Walter Atkinson ran from his International office, he first locked the front door. Mrs. Atkinson heard someone downstairs but did not think anything of it at the time. Later it was discovered that the thief must have entered by a rear door and left by way of the front door which was left unlatched by the thief.

Police suspect that the thieves set the fire to distract attention, although the theory is not held by all.

The Reesor and Brown premises was once the property of the late William Watson, and the new barn at the rear was used for storing baled hay and straw which is transported in great quantity by the firm. When the alarm sounded around nine o'clock the place was a burning inferno, and threatened to carry up to the business area. A huge building recently erected by Mr. Atkinson on the former Todd place stood within a foot of the barn, yet the splendid work of the firemen saved the Atkinson place which suffered \$1000 damage from the heat. Three lines of hose were played on the flames and quickly subdued them when once the firemen got going effectively. Fog and dampness hampered operations.

Yake Farm in Family 95 Years is Sold

Mr. Ray Yake has sold his 100 acre farm east of Stouffville at lot 33, con. 9, Pickering, to Mr. Sam Fretz. The property has been in the Yake family for 95 years, being acquired by Ray's grandfather, the late Hiram Yake, who bought the place from James and John Udell, pioneers in the district. It is said that Mrs. Miller of Brown Hill was born on this place. She is now 107 years of age, and was a widow before her marriage.

The farm, a little over half a mile east of the Markham-Pickering townline is a well-known acreage. Mr. Yake announces a public auction sale in this issue to dispose of his stock, implements and grain. Since the passing in recent years of both his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Yake, Rae finds that the life of a bachelor is not to his liking on a farm.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cleverdon, Markham, announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy Nureen to Robert Alexander Milne, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milne, Unionville. The marriage will take place in November.

CHURCH SUPPER

A light supper will be served in the United Church, Nov. 5th, from 5 to 7 p.m., sponsored by the C.G.I.T. Choice of hot or cold plate. Bring the little tots. They will be cared for and fed while you are enjoying your supper.

Fresh Raspberries

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall enjoyed a dish of raspberries picked from their garden on Blake street this week. Not an unheard of thing, it is nevertheless nice to be able to enjoy this little extra fresh fruit long after the season for raspberries is over.

Judge's Direction Given in Tax Dispute, Markham Township vs Unionville Village

Little Light Thrown on Differences Between Council and Village Trustees—Only Specific Reduction Pointed Out By Judge is for Fire Services.

Application brought by both the Township of Markham and the village of Unionville for determining what deduction, if any, is to be made from the general tax rates in favor of the police village of Unionville, heard recently before His Honor Judge James Parker, brought forth a judgment this week read before Markham council on Monday, threw little light on the differences existing between the council and the village trustees.

If the contending parties anticipated that the judgment would set out precisely the tax rate for the village with accompanying deductions, the applicants were disappointed. The judgment directed the legal procedure, but did not apply it in figures.

His Honor's written words said in part:

"The net result of the reason for judgment in my opinion is to provide that a reduction should be made only in respect to the fire services.

"At present property in Unionville is taxed at the same rate as all township property. But it has been the custom of the Township to return to the Village, I assume, the cost of certain operations from which the Township has been relieved and which the trustees of the village have assumed.

"My interpretation of the meaning and intent of the Act set out in sec. 534 (1) and sub-sec. 536, (therein His Honour quoted the section) is that such functions or operations authorized by the Municipal Act and assumed by the trustees of the police village, and which are paid by the village thus relieving the Township from defraying them, that the assessment of the village property should not include any other mill rate for similar functions or operations carried on in other parts of the Township, and to that extent should receive corresponding deductions from the general rate."

At the hearing some weeks ago before His Honor Judge Parker, the Township was represented by Mr. J. B. Lucas and the village by Mr. Hollis Beckett.

Reeve Griffin said it would still be for the council and the trustees to determine where overlapping occurs, if any, but an amicable settlement is hoped for.

It was anticipated in some quarters that the judgment would specifically set out the actual deduction, if any, that the village might expect in respect to the tax rate. The rate for 1949 must be struck by the council next year, and if the village disagrees they can fight the rate applied at that time, said one authority.

Funeral for Mrs. F. H. Walker, Thursday

Mrs. F. H. Walker, an east end resident for some years, passed away early Tuesday morning after a long illness. Born in Markham in 1866, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Anderson, the deceased spent the part of her life in Markham and later moved to Markdale where she met and married Frederick Walker.

Five children, one son and four daughters, were born to the couple: Laura (Mrs. T. A. Brittain), Milliken; Ada (Mrs. Garfield Jennings), Maple; Myrtle (Mrs. Ralph Horton), Toronto; Mabel (Mrs. J. Williamson), Stouffville, and Elmer, Toronto. Mrs. Walker is also survived by one brother Frederick J. Anderson, Hayward, Calif. There are 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

DEATHS

TURNER—Mrs. Ezra Turner at Reedley, Cal., on Oct. 29, 1948. Adeline Holden, wife of Ezra Turner and eldest daughter of the late Truman F. Holden, Stouffville. Funeral was held on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd with interment at Reedley, Cal.

A CORRECTED REPORT

It was Morgan Degeer who sold his farm in Pickering to Marshall Conner, and not Frank Rowbotham as reported last week. The property was owned by Mr. Rowbotham at one time, but Mr. Degeer has held it recently. The deal to Mr. Conner was arranged by Harvey Moyer through the Willoughby agency.

Hospital Patient Six Yrs., Addie Atkinson Passes On

A resident of Stouffville for many years, Miss Addie Atkinson died at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, October 29. She was 71 years of age, and had been a hospital patient for six years.

Born in the Township of Markham, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Atkinson, she came to Stouffville with her parents over 30 years ago. Since their death the daughter gradually declined in health, and became a hospital case in 1942. Her father was widely known as a drover for all his long residence in town.

The nearest relatives are three cousins, one of whom is Mrs. Wilson of Lemonville. The funeral on Monday to Victoria Square Cemetery was in charge of L. E. O'Neill's funeral home, and Rev. D. Davis of Stouffville conducted the service.

Fire Damages Claremont Creamery

Fire of unknown origin was discovered about seven o'clock on Tuesday evening, in the boiler room of the Claremont Creamery. Children playing on the street and several nearby residents spotted the flames at about the same time and turned in the alarm. Through the fine efforts of the Brougham brigade and the local firemen, damage was confined to the rear of the creamery building. At one time, the east wind fanned the flames dangerously close to the Geo. Scott house nearby, and water had to be brought into play to safeguard the home.

The local brigade emptied their chemical tank on the blaze, and pumped several nearby wells dry, then kept the Brougham outfit supplied with water from the creek. The community feels particularly indebted to Brougham for their prompt response to the call for help.

Claremont Creamery is owned by Roy Olmstead, who purchased the place only a few months ago from Jos. Farr. No estimate of damage was obtainable.

Entertains Workers

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murphy entertained the group of ladies and their men folk who were employed on their onion plantation this summer. "It was a grand supper, and we were not served onions, either," said one of the guests, explaining how everybody enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy.

C. J. Davidson Dies At Sandford Home

It came as a great shock to the community to hear of the death of Colin James Davidson who passed away on Saturday morning, October 23rd, in his 70th year, at his late residence on lot 2, con. 3, Scott Twp., after a lengthy illness.

A short service was held at his late residence and then at Sandford United Church a further service was held conducted by his minister, Rev. A. Bamford. Interment was made in Sandford cemetery.

The late Colin Davidson was the youngest son of the late Colin Davidson and Annie Keir. He was born and lived on the farm his grandfather cleared in 1842. The farm now has the fifth generation living on it. He was a staunch Conservative and a member of the United Church, Sandford.

In 1903 he married Zella Bain of Mt. Albert.

Left to mourn his lost is his sorrowing wife and four sons and one daughter, Earnsciff and Morley at home, Kenneth and Stuart of Toronto and Mrs. Earl Tindall (Irene) of Goodwood. One daughter, Marian, predeceased him at an early age. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. Margaret Hockley, Victoria Corners, Mrs. Annie Lemon, Detroit and two brothers, Alex of Young, Sask., and Albert of Clarksboro, Sask.

MORE HYDRO CUTS HERE

Stouffville has failed to reduce electric consumption to the quota given us, hence further black-outs must be made.

In addition to the 6.45 to 7.15 night cut there will be a morning cut from 10 to 10.45 this Thursday and Friday, and from Monday to Friday thereafter until consumption drops below our quota.

By order,
The Municipal Council

Hallowe'en Pranksters Present Two Business Places with Farm Horses

Overshadowing their efforts of recent years, and aided by a dense fog which enabled them to move about without fear of police detection, the hallowe'en crowd went all out in Stouffville to have a big time. Unfortunately too much of the fun caused damage and loss of dollars to some property owners.

New railings at the two entrances to the Presbyterian church were torn away from the steps and littered about. A barbering pole, newly installed in front of Snowball's nifty emporium was torn down and broken, and the sign at Red Forsythe's was torn away, steps were torn away at Dr. Ball's residence, and Cecil Wagg's, and several other of the private homes through the town. In most cases the owners were able to replace them since they were not too badly damaged.

A trade mark on Main street in the business area known to anybody familiar with the town at all, is the photo show window which for sixty years has stood at the entrance to the galley of Wm. Sanders in the Collard or Mertens block, was torn away. The wonder is that for sixty years pranksters had not molested the show-place for local photography before. It was not a problem to remove.

The Spofford store and The Tribune office both found themselves in possession of a real live horse on Sunday morning. However, before Messrs. Spofford and Nolan did anything about swapping horses or selling their steed the real owner came in the person of Earl Keith on the former Sandy Jones farm and claimed ownership. If these animals spent the foggy night tethered to the respective door handles, Spofford's pacer had the best of the deal since it had a cover over its back in the sheltered doorway, as against the open front at The Tribune.

At The Tribune office, the Groceteria, and the Five to a Dollar Store, fronts, walks were dobed with old motor oil. If the hoodlums provided the oil as a tip for the respective business places to move a little faster, probably the businesses concerned will accept the suggestion in good faith. Shiner's, Golden's, Snowball's and Broadway's store fronts also came in

ANOTHER HOUSE SOLD

Mr. Gar. Lehman has sold his house located on the street north of Spofford's store to Mr. Lou Slack who intends to move from his farm east of town shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman and family will move to their newly acquired farm, the Ab. Stouffer place on the 10th concession just north of town.

WINS JUNIOR FARMERS PLOWING AWARD

Lewis Wells of Lemonville was named first prize winner in the annual Junior Farmers' competition at the big banquet in Elora on Friday night. He will be entitled to the extended bus trip and \$25 prize.

HOME FROM THE OLD COUNTRY

Mrs. Bert Lickorish and Beatrice arrived home on Monday evening from an extended holiday in England where they spent the summer.

WESTERN VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. George Lamb from Margaret, Manitoba, are visiting relatives and friends here. Mr. Lamb is a brother of Mrs. Frank Wagg and Mr. Arthur Lamb.

for special target practise by the decorating artists.

A useless prank at the United Missionary Church opposite the school was committed by tearing off a liberal length of eavetroughing. The lads held no special respect for church property as indicated by this destruction and the removal or breaking of railings at the Presbyterian church.

At L. C. Murphy's home in the westend, lovely lattice work was torn down, some smashed up. Co-op employees lost several hours work while their trucks were put back in running order, after being tampered with by pranksters.

One business man said the time had arrived when the business men should put on a couple of night men for this particular evening of the year. In fact one of the stores did have a private guard engaged and the premises were not touched. "Best money I ever spent," said the store owner, who usually had considerable cleaning up to do after hallowe'en.

Constable Rusnell had extra help, but in a pea soup fog the lads had it very much their own way, if they were bent on doing damage or committing innocent pranks.

New School Area Board Beyond Reach of Electorate

It will be the duty of the municipal councils of Markham and Whitchurch townships and Markham and Stouffville school boards to make appointments to the new High School Board that will come into existence the first of January to manage the affairs of the new high school district comprising the two villages and large portions of the two townships.

By reason of its population within the new school area the township of Markham will have two representatives on the board and all other municipalities one each. This will make provision for five members, but there are other members that may be added to the board through county council appointment, and by the retiring Boards of Education.

When the High School Board is inaugurated all members will be by appointment and therefore beyond the reach of the electorate,

should they wish to force any measure on the people that would prove unpopular. This is a poor feature to introduce, and is not democratic. The people who will have to pay for the expenditures made by this board should have more voice in its personnel.

If the new board decided to embark on an extensive building program at some time, it may be impossible for the ratepayers to have a voice in the matter, since schools are often built without a money bylaw being submitted to a vote. The best way to keep democracy alive is to give the electorates a chance to voice their opinion through the ballot. The high school area act was devised by men who have lofty ideas about larger schools, and we imagine they would devise the present act so that the average ratepayer would be sort of squeezed out of having his "say-so" in any matter that pertained to an important expenditure.