

## ELECTIONS IN MARKHAM AND PICKERING

### Three Battle for Reeveship In Markham Township



Vern Griffin

An acclamation was accorded to three councillors in Markham Township when just the right number qualified on Tuesday following the nomination meeting in Unionville Monday afternoon. They are Harry Barber and Fred Wicks, members of the 1948 council, and Robert Rae of Unionville, a new-comer to the township municipal field, although a village trustee in Unionville which position he will now resign from.

There will be a three-cornered contest for the reeveship with Reeve Vern Griffin being opposed by Charlie Hooper whom he defeated last year, and by Albert Reesor, a former deputy reeve who was defeated several years ago on his way up the municipal ladder.

Election day falls on Monday, Dec. 13, and the candidates will have a statement to make in our next issue on Dec. 9.

"I would earmark any surplus shown at the end of 1949 for badly needed municipal buildings, if I am returned," said Reeve Vern Griffin, at Monday's nomination. He was evidently referring to buildings that would house the township's increasing number of road machines, tractor, etc.

In referring to the tremendous growth in the municipality, he said that in 1938 the number of tax bills issued were 2012, and in 1948 that number increased to 2537. He defended setting up the Township Planning Board as something that would avoid the mistakes of other growing municipalities who had established planning boards too late. Pay for members was only \$5.00 per meeting plus mileage. Meetings are held on an average twice a month. Three members plus the reeve and deputy-reeve constitute the Markham board.

The restricting land by-law was designed to regulate the use of land and the kind of buildings. It was not retroactive, he claimed, in answer to criticism, and did not affect building presently built.

Reeve Rummy referred to engaging a second constable as a real necessity, and he said the Unionville fire brigade did good work. They responded to 38 calls in 1948 thus far. "If they saved only one set of buildings the expenditure of the township would have been worth-while."

"I think we spent more money this year than in any similar period in the township's history," declared Councillor Win Timbers. Great changes have occurred in the last 20 years. In that earlier period there were no township police, no road graders as we know them today, no snow plowing demanded," he said.

Today all townships demand services never dreamed of years ago. "I predict the new maintainer will pay for itself in five years or less. We have year-round work for the two of them and it is cheaper to have our own than to hire the

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### WORK AT DICKSON HILL MILL DELAYED A FEW DAYS

The Dickson Hill Mill is being equipped to do custom grinding, and in this issue announces that the mill is now ready for business. However, it will be a few days before the machinery and power is in readiness due to an unforeseen delay in the work, since the notice was printed on page eleven.



Albert Reesor



Chas. Hooper

### Unionville Man Addresses Feed Dealers' Association

Ewart J. Stiver of Unionville, President of the Ontario Retail Feed Dealers Association, was the guest speaker Friday evening at the annual meeting of the Rideau-St. Lawrence Feed Dealers' Association held in Kemptville, Grenville County. Mr. Stiver gave a careful analysis of the accomplishments of the Ontario organization and related the responsibilities the individual dealers owe to their families, their customers and to their community.

### CURLERS ATTENTION!

The annual organization of the Stouffville Curling Club will be held at the rink club house on Friday evening, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m.

### Oldest Man Nominated



Probably the oldest person in Ontario to receive a nomination for reeveship this election period is Mr. Abner Summerfeldt, 87, of Ringwood. He served in various positions on the councils of Markham in bygone days. In fact it was as far back as 1899 when he was first elected to council.

On Monday afternoon he told the ratepayers at Unionville he would not contest the office of reeve to which he was nominated, but would leave the matter "in younger hands."

### Nearly Thousand Attend Annual High School Commencement

Stouffville High School annual Commencement Exercises were well received on Thursday and Friday evenings last week when nearly one thousand people attended the concert in the Legion Hall. Nearly sixty students received their various diplomas and intermediate certificates. These were presented by W. F. Riches, chairman of the Stouffville Board of Education.

Those receiving honour graduate diplomas were, Audrey Bell, Keith Clarke, Paul Cummings, Carl Grove, Betty Miller, Bill Nigh, Court Noxon, Erlene Paisley, Bert Stouffer, Rita Wagg, Kay Williamson, Ruth Windsor, and Carol Weldon. Graduation diplomas went to Louie Bolender, Dorothy Brown, Robert Clubine, Grant Drewery, Lloyd Freel, Helen Goudie, Mary Grove, Mary Harper, Murray Miller, Marion Murphy, Percy Schell, Loreen Talbot, Marion Vaughan, Annabell Watson, Lena White, Luella Wideman. Presentation of intermediate certificates were made to, Barbara Bagg, Joyce Barkey, Shirley Bone, Margaret Bruce, John Davis, Jean Empringham, Norman Fairles, Clarence Fockler, Agnes Forfar, Donald Green, Jessie Harding, Charles Hill, Vernon Hoover, Bud Lehman, Barry Mackay, Barbara McCreight, Jean Miller, Willard Moyer, Reta Rae, Murray Redshaw, Barbara Smith, Ronald Smith, Flossie Spang, Shirley Steckley, Dean Watson, Betty Wideman and Allan Winn.

The athletic awards were presented by three members of the staff, Miss Goodyear, Mr. Pherrill, and Mr. Sherk. The winners of the local field day were, junior, Marion Atkinson, Bill Collins; intermediate, Marion Reid, Archie Forfar; senior, Helen Goudie, Jack Wallace; in the inter-school field meet, senior girl, Helen Goudie, senior boy, Murray Wagg, junior girl, Marion Atkinson.

Murray Miller, president of the school Literary Society addressed the gathering briefly, while the valedictory address was given on Friday evening by Miss Kay Williamson.

Choir selections, led by Mr. L. C. Murphy, and dance numbers, directed by Miss Goodyear delighted the large audiences, while the pyramids and tumbling directed by Mr. Paul Sherk, always a highlight, this year brought roars of laughter, particularly from the younger section of the crowd by the addition of a number of clowns, Stanley Smith, Tommy Jagger, Ken Fraser, and Don Lewis, were the boys behind the paint and pillows.

The one-act comedy, "The Perfect Gentleman," climaxed the program. The play was directed by Mr. Thos. Pherrill, and presented the following cast, Murray Pipher, Mary Grove, Loreen Talbot, Helen Goudie and Lloyd Freel. The story wound around the trials and tribulation of a teen-ager (Loreen Talbot) in her attempt to make a romantic impression upon her high school science teacher (Lloyd Freel), and her attempt to gain more sedate behaviour from her family, particularly her younger brother (Murray Pipher).

### Holsteins Top \$415 at Public Auction

Over at Edgeley the other day prices for pure-bred Holstein cows soared to dizzy heights. Auctioneer A. S. Farmer declared it was one of the most successful cow sales in a long time, so far as his sales are concerned. The best cow sold for \$415 and her calf ten days old \$120.

The 30 head of cattle, all pure-bred Holsteins realized \$10,000 and the sale which opened at 2.15 was closed at 4.20 o'clock, indicating a rapid turnover. The cows alone averaged \$285 and the cows and calves lumped together averaged \$240.

### Fowl Bingo Friday Night

This Friday night will see the first of three bingos with fowl as prizes, at the Veterans' Memorial Hall. This is an opportunity to get a nice plump bird for Christmas and have a lot of fun doing it.

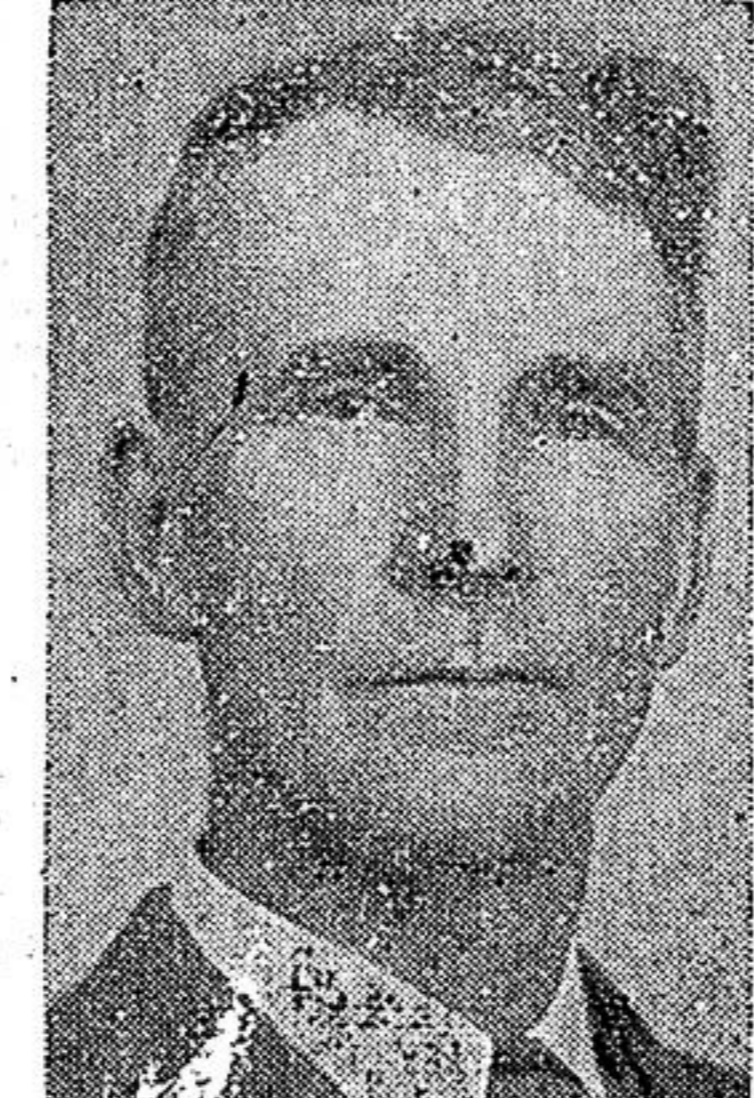
### BUS FOR FANS TO LINDSAY

Hockey fans desiring to go by bus to the hockey game this Saturday night at Lindsay between Lindsay Meteors and Stouffville Clippers please contact Stouffville Motors (Harry Ratcliff) not later than Friday morning. If sufficient are interested, a Gray Coach bus will be arranged for.

### Run in Pickering for All but Reeveship

Councillor Frank Disney Will Contest Deputy-Reeveship with Present Incumbent Dr. N. E. McEwen

W. H. Westney, reeve of Pickering Township has been returned to office by acclamation. Mr. Westney has served nine years on Pickering Council, one year as reeve. A popular member of Ontario County Council, Mr. West-



W. H. Westney

ney was referred to at Friday's nomination, as a probable Warden for 1949.

A close race is predicted between Frank Disney and Dr. N. E. McEwen for the office of deputy-reeve. Frank Disney has had four years experience as councillor. Dr. N. E. McEwen has held the office of deputy-reeve for 1948.

This year's councillors, Milt. Burk and Clare Balsdon are seeking re-election along with George Todd, former councillor, and contender for the deputy-reeveship in 1947. Miss Violet Swan is the fourth ratepayer seeking a council seat. Miss Swan has sought election on two previous occasions.

Voting day is next Monday, Dec. 6th, and polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

### May be Election In Whitchurch Twp.

There are strong indications that Reeve L. P. Evans of Whitchurch who announced his retirement a year ago to take place at the end of this year, is likely to change his mind and seek re-election at the forthcoming January election in that township. Mr. Evans was one of the county commissioners in 1948. It is reported that he will state the reason for changing his mind on the matter of retirement when he gets before the ratepayers at the nomination in the township hall on Monday, Dec. 27.

Deputy Reeve E. Logan is understood to be seeking the reeveship, and the senior member of council L. J. Harper is looking at the office of deputy reeveship with more than keen interest. However if these individuals anticipated an acclamation, they may now see a contest in the offing if the report is correct that Reeve Evans intends to seek re-election.

Mr. Evans was accorded an acclamation back in 1946, on retirement of the late George Leary, and again in 1947 and 1948 he was given acclamations.

Councillor Fred Timbers is also being urged to seek a step-up for deputy-reeve, but all this is only township talk. Where will it lead?

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crossen attended the 60th wedding anniversary of his aunt, Mrs. James Knowles in Aurora. Mrs. Knowles was a sister of Mr. Crossen's mother.

### Entire Stouffville Council Returned by Acclamation

Two New Men Added to Public School Board — One New Cemetery Commissioner—Pay Likely for Councillors

The entire Stouffville municipal council slate was returned to office by acclamation at the annual nominating meeting on Friday evening. Reeve A. V. Nolan consented to hold office for another term, along with his four councillors, Henry Ogden, Glenn Ratcliff, Clayt. Baker and John Scott.

The public school trustees were also elected by acclamation, being W. F. Riches, former chairman of the Board of Education, and two new members to municipal office, Reg. Stouffer and Len. Wilkes. The one new Cemetery Commissioner is Harmon Hoover.

Nominations were as follows: for reeve, Henry Ogden, A. V. Nolan; for council, Harold Spofford, Henry Ogden, Clayt. Baker, Glenn Ratcliff, John Scott and Reg. Stouffer; for public school trustee, W. F. Riches, Reg. Stouffer, Len. Wilkes; for cemetery commissioner, Harmon Hoover.

Although not a large crowd, considering the population of Stouffville, the small municipal hall was well filled for the public meeting following the nominations.

Reeve Nolan told the gathering that Stouffville was one of three municipalities in the County of York which had reduced the tax rate this year, or even retained the previous rate.

He dealt at some length on the setting up of a fire area with Whit church Township, and revealed that the local brigade had fought ten Whitchurch fires this year, for which they received \$40 per fire. The town also receives \$250 stand-by time for the equipment.

"As far as I know Markham Village is the only other place in York County where the councillors receive no remuneration for their services," stated the reeve, in referring to the suggestion that councillors here be paid.

He told the ratepayers that there had not been time enough to set up the Water and Hydro Commission as proposed, and took the blame for allowing the matter to lapse.

"It is time the councillors here were paid, and if I am reeve another year, I'll support any (continued on page five)

### Will Appeal Case Against Whitchurch Township Parents

When their case was dismissed against a Bloomington resident charged under the Neglected Children's Act Whitchurch council was plainly annoyed, and promised to take steps to carry the case to the Attorney General's Dept. as an appeal.

From what could be learned, lack of evidence was the reason for the case being dropped.

### Births

PAISLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Paisley are happy to announce the birth of a son on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1948.

PAISLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Paisley of Stouffville wish to announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, Nov. 27, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

WIDEMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wideman, Stouffville, wish to announce the birth of a son on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

SHANK—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shank, Markham R.R.2, wish to announce the birth of a daughter (Helen Marie) on Monday, Nov. 29, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

BUNKER—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bunker, Goodwood, wish to announce the birth of a son on Monday Nov. 29, 1948, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

BASTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Baston (nee Jean Feir) of Stouffville, a son, on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1948, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto.

SUDEYKO—Metro and Gwen Sudeyko (nee Johnson) are happy to announce the birth of Samuel Lloyd, at Grace Hospital, Toronto, on Nov. 21, 1948, a brother for Ivadelle and Gerald.

### Stouffville Gets Second Member on New Area School Board

Stouffville will have two members on the new High School area board that comes into existence on the 1st of January. Each municipality, Whitchurch, Markham village and Stouffville appoint one member by reason of their population being under 3,000, while Markham Township appoints two because the population is over 3,000.

Under departmental regulations for establishing a high school board, the public school board having the largest attendance in grades I to VIII inclusive in the year 1947, may appoint a representative to the area board. It was not known until last week whether Stouffville or Markham had this appointment to make according to advice received from Inspector MacKillop by Mr. H. O. Klinck, secretary of the local board, the appointment falls to Stouffville. The attendance at this school for year 1947 showed an average of 187, and Markham 170.

The name of the area, says Inspector MacKillop shall be known as the Stouffville-Markham High School Area Board.

Mr. Ewart Stiver has been chosen as the County of York representative on the board.

### Vandorf Subway to Be Built in the Spring

The Toronto and York Roads commission reported to the County Council that the board of transport commissioners had ordered the C.N.R. to pay 45 per cent of the cost of construction of the Vandorf subway in Whitchurch township. The total estimated cost of the subway will be \$104,000 of which the province will pay \$45,760. Toronto and York County will pay the balance. The report said the work will be started in the spring.

Mrs. Truman Holden, her many friends will be glad to know, is improving nicely since her recent illness.

### MARKHAM TOWNSHIP The Battle for Deputy Reeve



Dalton Rummy



Win Timbers