

\$50,000 CAMPAIGN FOR ARTIFICIAL ICE

Farmers' Meeting Favors Gas to Rid Markham Twp. Of Foxes and Skunks

The adjourned public meeting held in Unionville Friday evening and attended by about fifty Markham Township farmers decided to accept the offer of the township council to supply free gas with which to kill foxes and skunks throughout the township.

For more than an hour farmers debated the pros and cons of the matter, but when the vote was taken, only eight of the fifty persons on hand opposed the use of gas as a means of blotting out rodents.

Deputy-Reeve Win Timbers opened the discussion by explaining that many complaints had been received by council about the activities of the fox and skunk, and this led to the council offering to supply the necessary gas in an effort to kill off the offending trouble-makers.

Everet Harper, chairman of the five-man game committee for Markham, explained that various gases were used, but some were ineffective. Any gas heavy enough to creep along the ground was advisable, but light gas that floated upward was useless, since it would not creep down a fox hole.

Mr. Jennings declared that a fox does not catch pheasants in a winter when there is no snow, and if there is deep snow pheasants can't live anyway, so the fox may as well have them.

Mr. Jennings was later taken to task by another speaker for making a two-way statement about the fox. First, he claimed the fox would not kill pheasants, then he said the Game Committee by bringing in pheasants attracted the fox for the kill.

Stan Powell, perhaps the largest of all local trappers, estimated his kill in Markham last year at about 80 animals, and he was opposed to the use of gas. He favored the continuance of paying a bounty as best means of keeping down the menace.

heavy gas, and said less than a spoonful of the right gas was sufficient to reach a fox den or that of a skunk, and to kill anything alive down below. He said that his idea is that even if we kill off the fox now, there will be plenty of them to shoot next fall, since that is the roaming period so that there would be plenty of sport for those who want it.

Several speakers told of catching foxes destroying chickens and one farmer had trapped them at the chicken pen door. Another speaker told of feeding pheasants all winter, then in shooting time, neighbors came alone and shot the partly-tamed flock, so he doesn't feed pheasants any more.

Mr. Art Buchanan moved the resolution to ask council to provide the gas with the understanding the five-man committee would arrange for its distribution to convenient centres in the township where farmers would be invited to come and get their requirements. Somebody said it came in liquid form in five gallon containers. Mode of administering, is to put something less than a spoon full on a rag and throw into the mouth of the fox hole or at the entrance to ground hog holes.

Vote Pinned on Retaining Bus Line

A vote by residents of North York Township, parts of Vaughan and Markham Townships and the village of Richmond Hill possibly in June, will decide whether the North Yonge street bus service between the city limits and Richmond Hill will be continued, or radial cars pressed back into service.

Reeve George Mitchell said this week that those financially interested had had time to decide which service served them best.

Only residents of the four municipalities within a stated distance of Yonge street will be called upon to vote. In Markham those owning property from Yonge street to the west side of the second concession according to some will be eligible to vote.

A report by the TTC before Markham council Monday stated operating profit which was \$1,757.60 for the month of February, would have been \$670 more had it not been necessary to maintain unused rail structures and operate the station at Willowdale.

In two months cost of maintaining rails and station was \$2,324.38.

Profit last year for the month of February, when the radial cars were still in use, was \$405.

"If the people vote for keeping the buses, all these extra expenditures will be thrown-out money," the reeve said. "We will take the matter to the voters as soon as possible."

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Local Syrup Supply Now Quite Plentiful

"I never knew sap to run better," said Ross E. Ratcliff last Thursday morning as he was hurrying home to get into the bush where he has several hundred trees tapped, perhaps 700. Mr. Ratcliff does not go into the sap producing business on the extensive scale that Ratcliff Bros. produce, but he has a substantial bush that runs off a nice lot of sap for maple syrup.

Up to last Wednesday the run was poor but with stiffer weather over Thursday and nice days following cool nights the flow of sap stepped up.

On the St. Lawrence market last Saturday maple syrup dropped to \$4.25 a gallon, due to the plentiful supply. Local price quoted in The Tribune last week of \$5 gallon is also being revised. A Claremont producer is quoting \$4.50 gallon, and other Stouffville producers are asking \$4.50, so that the range is now \$4.50 to \$5.00 a gallon.

A press report from Warren,

Jr. Farmer President Held Up, Robbed

Using highwayman tactics, three armed bandits Friday night held up Stuart B. Watson, on Warden Ave., Scarborough Township, robbed him of \$35, took him for a ride and dumped him out of his car in the Don Valley near the Prince Edward Viaduct.

Watson, president of Unionville Junior Farmers' Association, told police he was returning from a dance sponsored by the association about 1 a.m. when he noticed a car following.

When he turned south on Warden Ave., off Lansing Road, the car behind pulled alongside him and forced him to stop. Two men, with guns drawn, jumped from the car and ordered him to "get out."

They took his money and then ordered him into the back of his own car, an armed man getting in on each side of him. A third bandit got behind the wheel of the car and drove to the Don Valley.

There he was told to get out of the car and "don't report the hold-up for 15 minutes."

He walked some way towards Bloor Street before he was given a lift by a motorist. At a restaurant near Pape on Danforth he phoned police.

Police believe the thugs were after the proceeds of the dance held at Heather Hall, Agincourt.

The treasurer, however, left with the proceeds about an hour before Watson. Watson took \$18, proceeds of the refreshment booth, which the bandits got besides \$20 of his own money and his car.

Sale of Mt. Albert Creamery Negotiated by Local Real Estate Man

The sale has been completed by Geo. Allison, Stouffville real estate agent, of the Mt. Albert Creamery business, buildings and dwelling. William Hicks who recently disposed of his store and restaurant business at Ringwood was the purchaser, and the price is reported as \$40,000. Mr. Hicks expects to take over his new business some time this month.

The Mt. Albert Creamery has been operated for 24 years by two partners, Edward Watts and Symore Harper, and ill health is given as the reason for selling. The creamery is said to be among the better small butter-producing plants in the locality.

Nursery Kindergarten Vacancies. Registrations will be accepted for two children 4 to 5 years of age in the Kindergarten Nursery School beginning May 1st. Please contact Mrs. Neil Smith, ph. 167J.

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Car Crashes Culvert Occupants Hurt

A serious motor crash occurred Saturday night around 10.30 when a car driven by John A. Watson whose address was given as Agincourt R.R.1, struck a culvert opposite the Ratcliff farm on the townline west of Stouffville. Mary Wattson (whose name is spelled differently to that of the driver and no relation) was rushed to the Brierbush hospital suffering a broken collarbone, and other injuries, while Ruth Gaiger, another occupant along with Peter Tucker (Toronto) suffered cuts and bruises. Watson, driver of the car, maintained he was blinded by on-coming headlights. The car was a "Drive Yourself" Ford, and was badly damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. I. D. Russell, constable, investigated when Markham police were not available. Later Chief Wideman took over. No charge was laid. The four occupants of the car were proceeding to Stouffville to attend a dance.

New Contractor Gets Markham Gravel Contract

The firm of Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co. was awarded the contract for supplying gravel to the Township of Markham for 1949 at a meeting of the council held at Unionville Monday afternoon.

The successful tenderer will supply the township at a price per cubic yard delivered, or from the bin at the pit. Frank A. Barkey and Frank Roberts, other tenderers were higher than Stouffville Sand & Gravel. Frank Roberts held the contract continuously for many years, his letter said.

Gravel will be weighed at the pit this year, instead of taking yardage measurements, which was considered the more satisfactory basis of measurement.

Reeve Griffin protested the number of meetings called and the long hours spent in trying to arrive at a settlement of the Unionville tax rate. "I suggest we strike our rate for Unionville, giving them every consideration and fair treatment, then it will be up to the trustees to appeal, if our rates are not what they consider equitable," he declared.

Finally it was decided to have the township bear 75 per cent of the fire maintenance instead of 50 at present, but that Unionville maintain all roads in the village, having use of township equipment (if desired) at regular rates, and the village to pay their proportionate cost of clerical services. Members said the alternative road arrangement would be for the village roads to be taken in by the whole township, and the village contribute the same mill rate as all other ratepayers. The reeve called each councillor to say whether he was for or against the proposal, when all favored it excepting Councillor Robt. Rae.

The clerk was instructed to write Miss Agnes Macphail proposing a bill before the legislature making it mandatory on all municipalities to make grants to public libraries on a basis of 50 cents per capita of population.

Some 15 Unionville ratepayers filed a petition against the construction of a garage by Frank Roberts which would front on Pavilion street. Mr. Roberts was present to defend his position, and pointed out he had been granted a permit, and ordered the building costing \$6,000. Delivery would be made probably this week. Building Inspector Norton said he issued the permit after Mr. Roberts agreed to set the building back where he considered proper. Otherwise the inspector said the building would comply with township bylaw. Council agreed to visit the location, but the feeling was that Roberts was within his rights, and while the petitioners complained the street was residential, Mr. Robert's garage was private, only it would be large and would accommodate a fleet of trucks, snow plow, and other machinery.

Do not forget the Easter Thanksgiving meeting of the W.M.S. in Stouffville United Church this Thursday, April 7.

Joint Stock Company for Local Arena Biggest Money Project Ever Attempted

Nearly Two Dozen Canvassers Begin Rounds This Week for Subscribers at \$100 a Share — Local Clubs Rallying to Support of Venture

The biggest financial campaign in Stouffville's history was launched this week, with the opening of a canvass for subscribers to a joint stock company with capital of \$50,000 for the purpose of purchasing the local arena, making necessary additions and installing artificial ice.

Nearly two dozen canvassers, named at a public meeting held last week, met on Monday night, and mapped out the plan of campaign under the chairmanship of Mr. Geo. Allison. Representatives of local lodges, service clubs and other local bodies have pledged the support of their organizations for this "all-out drive" to give Stouffville an artificial ice arena.

Each authorized canvasser carries with him a legally-drawn document bearing the following agreement: "With a view of forming a Joint Stock Company under the Ontario Companies Act, with an authorized capital of \$50,000, divided into five hundred shares of \$100.00 each, for the purpose of purchasing the present Stouffville Arena, making the necessary additions thereto, and placing an Artificial Ice Plant therein, we the undersigned, signify our willingness to subscribe for stock therein to the amount set opposite our respective names, and to pay for same within thirty days after the formation and organization of the said Company."

In addition to the municipality of Stouffville itself, rural canvassers will visit ratepayers in the adjacent areas of Whitchurch, Markham, Pickering and Uxbridge townships, where many enthusiastic sports followers are known to be behind the effort.

While canvassers are not authorized to guarantee any fixed rate of interest, figures tabled from arenas of similar size in the surrounding district, including Georgetown, Hespeler and Lindsay, show sizeable profits, some exceedingly large.

To further insure the soundness of investment, the matter of adding a domestic ice-making unit is being thoroughly investigated. It is known that revenues of a minimum of \$150.00 per day can be forthcoming from such an addition, operated by the same machinery which would provide the arena ice. This figure was given the meeting by a representative of an ice machine concern.

It is hoped to complete the campaign for shareholders within the matter of a few weeks so that the Company can be formed, and tenders called for the job to complete it in time for next winter.

One of the firms which expects to tender on the job if the campaign for shareholders is successful, will supply an architect at no additional cost.

The \$50,000 objective set for the company is made up as follows: \$8,000 for the purchase of the arena, \$12,000 for alterations, and \$30,000 for artificial ice plant.

Anyone wishing to go to the Toronto Bible College graduation by chartered bus, contact Mrs. Fred E. Byer, Phone 271J2.

Friends will be sorry to learn that the local librarian, Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas, is in poor health, and is a patient in Toronto General Hospital. Miss Ann Lehman is relieving for Mrs. Thomas at the library.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Freej and family are taking temporary quarters immediately opposite the big Freej residence which will be remodelled this summer, in an extensive way. The Freejs will live in the former Jane McCallum residence belonging to Mrs. B. McNair. As this property is immediately opposite the Freej residence the doctor's office will still be very convenient.

OVER ONE-FIFTH SUBSCRIBED ON FIRST DAY

Although the canvassers were not yet in full swing on Tuesday, over \$10,000 worth of stock had been subscribed for by Wednesday noon. Nearly one third of this amount was taken up by the employees of two local business concerns.

Returns from a number of businessmen who are known to be purchasing a considerable number of shares, are not yet in.

Chairman Geo. Allison in charge of the canvassers, as well as the other members of the committee is very pleased with the response the public has made to date.

Markham Twp. Man Killed by Train Accident

Resident on No. 7 highway at the corner of the 4th concession of Markham Township, William Pew was struck and instantly killed in a level crossing accident near Orillia on Tuesday afternoon. The Pew car was in contact with a passenger train out of Midland, according to reports.

Teachers and Students Entertain at High School

An open night at the Stouffville High School on Friday, April 8, (this Friday) is an invitation to all former students, and parents of present students. The program will allow for an inspection of shop work in action, and a demonstration in science, conducted by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sherk, while Miss Goodyear will conduct the school choir. Then the evening classes intend to have their work on exhibit, which will add further interest to an already splendid program.

Meteor Reported At Brougham

Howard Burton, son of Mr and Mrs. Norm Burton, Brock Rd., just north of Brougham, reports sighting a "ball of fire" dropping towards the earth Sunday evening around 8 o'clock.

Mr. Burton was sitting in the house at the time the phenomena appeared and called his parents to see the "ball of fire" which appeared to be falling on their farm. What the Burtons saw was apparently the same sight reported by North Toronto and Aurora residents.

MORE MACHINERY INSTALLED

Last weekend The Tribune installed a No. 3 Chandler and Price printing press to still better equip the plant for job work with this additional machinery.

An unusual event next week will be the big free entertainment at Ogdens' show rooms next Wednesday, April 13. Pictures and farm display highly interesting to the farming community.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Christian Endeavour Union of the Congregational-Christian Churches will hold a Good Friday worship service in the Stouffville Christian Church. Mr. Clarion Baker will be at the piano at 10.45 a.m. for a fifteen minute prelude of sacred music. Rev. W. H. W. Paget who spent considerable time as a prisoner of the Japanese at Manila will be bringing a devotional message. If you are not worshipping elsewhere Good Friday morning, Pastor Muir invites you to meet with us.

Mrs. A. P. Hampel of Ayr has returned home after visiting here a couple of weeks with Mrs. Flora Urquhart.