

## Rotten Garbage and 'Rotten' Collection Whitchurch Twp. Council is Told

Messrs. Percy Ash and Robert Woolley of Wilcox Lake protested before Whitchurch Council in session on Saturday at Vandonf, that the manner in which garbage is being collected at Wilcox Lake was highly unsatisfactory. Tuesday is the prescribed day for collecting, but if bad roads or poor weather prevented the collection that day of the week, it was passed up until the day came around again. Result, garbage all over the district, attracting dogs and creating a general nuisance. The deputation asked council to investigate the situation, and to impose a two-day collection per week all year around.

Council promised to clean up the area at once, and to interview the collector with the idea of getting better service. The contract expires in another month, it was pointed out, then a firmer one could be made. Whatever the cost, the area served must bear the shot.

The Humber Valley Conservation Commission reported on the expenditures for this year for improvement of the Humber, its flood control and landscape development. A total of \$40,000 is being levied over the area, but as Whitchurch is called on for only \$8, no objection was offered the assessment. The city of Toronto will bear \$31,520 of the total, Township of York \$1,520, as among the heavily taxed, while places like King Township will pay \$216. Whitchurch has little area affected, being almost outside the Humber watershed.

The Planning Committee was requested to report on the Aurora request respecting planning control of a section of the township bordering Aurora. This is the second time the request has been before council, since Aurora is anxious to get control of new expansion close to that town, and which it was said would be better for not only Aurora but the township of Whitchurch.

Percy Hutchinson, Newmarket, appealed to council for a grant to ward the purchase of 120 acres of land in Whitchurch to be given over to a Boy Scout Camp, but he didn't receive much encouragement. Reeve Logan said he didn't think there would be any money available for assisting an outside cause, worthy as it may be. Councillor Baycroft suggested there was little connection between Scouts and the Township of Whitchurch. Thus the matter stood. However Councillor Sid Legge said the matter would be left in hands of the Finance Committee, and if they bring in a recommendation for a grant, council would consider the request at that time.

Councillor Fred Timbers urged council to consider making work on the second concession a major project in 1950, to correct a drainage problem in the area.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brown of Orchard View Blvd., Stouffville, will be at home to their friends and relatives on Sunday, April 17, from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m., upon the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

### Shareholders Meeting

All those who have invested in shares in the proposed Stouffville Artificial Ice Arena Company are called to meet at 8 p.m. next Tuesday evening, April 19th, in the Veterans' Hall, westend. Any other citizens who are interested, are urged to attend. Representatives of several artificial ice companies who will be tendering on the Stouffville job, if the campaign is successful, will be present to give the shareholders some concrete figures on the project.

Geo. Allison, chairman  
Artificial Arena Committee.

## John R. Barkey Passed Away

The death of our west end citizen John R. Barkey came with shocking suddenness to many of the friends in town who were not aware that Mr. Barkey had been in poor health for some time. He passed away at his home, "Spruce Villa" early Wednesday morning this week in his 83rd year. Mr. Barkey was a native of the district and was born on a farm just north of town, his parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. Abram Barkey.

For years our townsman was a farmer, but came into Stouffville to operate a draying and express business, and in 1914 he went to Toronto in the employ of the railway, remaining there for 20 years. On his retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Barkey located in Stouffville again. The deceased was married in 1900 to Bertha Stover, who survives him, together with two daughters, Mrs. John Mitchell of Toronto, and Mrs. Honsberger, missionary in Africa, also one son Gordon Barkey of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Barkey were both faithful members of the United Missionary Church, being identified with the Mennonite movement all their lives. The funeral service this Friday afternoon will be held at O'Neill's Chapel in Stouffville at 2.30 p.m., following which interment will be made at the Dickson Hill cemetery.

Miss Ruth Badgero, proprietress of the Betty Beauty Parlors, left on Wednesday for an Easter holiday in the Bermudas. Miss Badgero flew from Malton airport and will be away for the next ten days.

Mr. Wm. McNamer of Bounty, Sask., spent the weekend with his relatives, Mrs. Albert Smith and Mrs. Ferguson. Mr. McNamer is returning home after spending the winter in the east.

Neighbors and friends in the east end of town descended on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Forsyth one evening last week, and tendered a shower to their eldest son Gordon and his young bride, the former Mary Louise Hodgson. Many lovely and useful gifts were in evidence.

## Altona Man Found Unconscious by Neighbours

Found lying on the ground alongside the colony house on his property at Altona, Ross Stover was picked up in an unconscious condition by neighbours on Wednesday evening last week about 7 o'clock. He was rushed to the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville where he died a few hours later. Death was due to a stroke. Only the same afternoon Mr. Stover had been helping Fred Lewis at the Altona Feed place, and after going to his home nearby, he had presumably worked about his poultry, when seized by a stroke. He never regained consciousness.

Born in the Stouffville district 57 years ago this July, Ross Stover spent his entire life in the neighborhood. He was a bachelor, and only child of the late Christian Stover of Altona, and nephew of Jacob Stover of Mount Joy. He lived for years with his widowed mother until the time of her death. Ross was counted as a good lacrosse player, and played on the Stouffville team when the game was at its height.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon from O'Neill's Chapel in Stouffville proceeded to Altona Mennonite cemetery for interment. Rev. Edgar Morton conducted the service.

### Back From English Trip

Mr. Jim Austin has returned from his short trip to England and is again living the normal life of an undertaker at the O'Neill funeral place here. Mr. Austin found the new mode of travel by air not only speedy but pleasant. After the final take-off at Gander air field for the hop across the ocean, it was just 6 hours until the plane put down in Scotland. Food is noticeably scarce in England and meals in public places are "skimpy" with just enough to keep off hunger. Fish and potatoes were about the only items one could get their "fill" of, our townsman noted. Mr. Austin was hurriedly called to England on account of the critical illness of his mother who is in the old land on a visit. She was somewhat improved and will be brought home to Canada shortly.

### Dept. To Spend Several Thousand On Main Street

Mr. Thos. MacNeill, Ontario Dept. of Highways, called at the office of this paper on Tuesday, when we learned that several thousand dollars had been appropriated by the Department for resurfacing parts of the Main street pavement and filling the cracks and broken base. Mr. MacNeill was informed in no uncertain way that the resurfacing job done here two years ago was entirely unsatisfactory, but he maintained that when chips are properly applied they work into the road surface well, and that the oil used must have been wrong when a satisfactory result was not obtained.

A road gang will come along first and seal the cracks in the road, before some kind of surface is applied over all. Mr. MacNeill said that the Department could not replace the original type tarval this year, since it would run into

## High School Entertains Parents

Judging from the large attendance at Stouffville High School on Friday evening, "Open Night" is an occasion of very special interest to parents and the general public. From eight o'clock until ten-thirty the school was alive with activity, teachers and pupils engaged in school exercises and spectators going from room to room in an effort to get a smattering of the many demonstrations.

Stouffville High School because of its musical attainments under the leadership of Principal Murphy, its keen interest in athletics, the occupational training it offers through its Home Economics and Shop Work departments, ranks high among the schools of York County. The finished work of the students is a matter of much pride on the part of parents and awakens general interest throughout the community. Added to these are the products of the Agriculture and Art, the demonstration in general science and the exercise book exhibits in English and other academic subjects, all contribute to the success of this biennial event.

Among the special activities of the evening one can but mention the following:

(a) A student demonstration of physical exercises in the gym, under the leadership of Miss Good-year.

(b) A class in shop work by Mr. Robinson.

(c) Displays of meal preparations, sewing and needle craft under supervision of Mrs. John Scott.

(d) English class (Grade 11, 12 and 13) by Mr. Pherrill.

(e) Science demonstration in the lab, by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Sherk, also agriculture sound films in the "auditorium."

(f) Choral work by the school choir, including Oklahoma, the 23rd Psalm and other numbers, conducted by Mr. Murphy.

(g) First Aid demonstration by a group of boys.

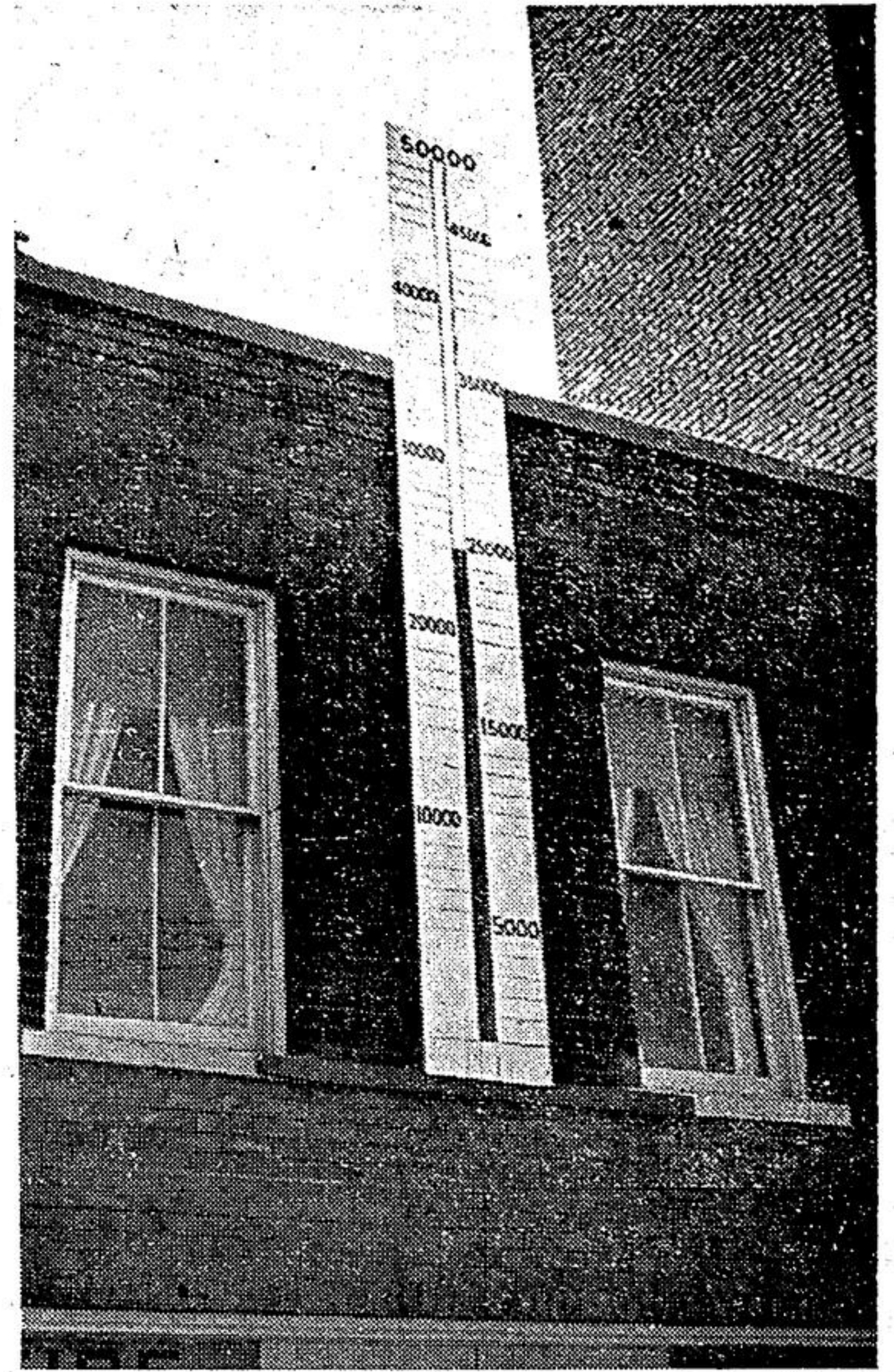
In conjunction with this school event was a very fine display of the handicraft products of the village "Hobby Club" which has functioned so energetically during the winter months. This adult club has been active under a corps of instructors, in woodcraft, needlecraft, oil painting, leather working, shell craft and clay modelling. The excellent array on Friday night was quite amazing in its diversity and quality. The results reflect credit on the instructors and talents of their pupils. We understand that the Club is already planning extension of its activities during next fall and winter.

### Public School Tax Higher

The public school tax in Stouffville this year will be for a total of \$9,500, an increase of \$2,500 over the demand of 1948. This is the direct tax-falling on the tax payers in Stouffville, and has no relation to the secondary school rate that will be imposed over the high school area. The increase for public school costs of \$2500 is not viewed as excessive, it is stated by Chairman Frank Riches of the public school board. Official notice was given the village council last week to include this demand in their tax rate for 1949.

terrific cost, but such a top might be forthcoming in the near future.

## Over \$32,000 Subscribed For Artificial Ice Campaign, Objective Seems Certain



Shown here is the thermometer placed in front of the Fire Hall by the Committee in charge of the Artificial Ice Arena canvas. When this picture was snapped, \$25,000 in shares had been sold, but this figure has since passed the \$30,000 mark.

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As announced elsewhere on this page, a public meeting of the share-

holders is called for next Tuesday night. This Wednesday, contractors were on the ground to advise on changes in the rink structure. Blue prints and engineering plans have already been placed in the committee's hands by several ice firms. It is interesting to note that these firms estimate from preliminary surveys of the rink, that it will require 35,000 feet or approximately six miles of 1 1/2 inch pipe and 12 inches of sand fill for the floor.

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### Christmas Trees Saved From Flames

What is known as the big Christmas tree bush on the sidewalk at Jack Norton's gravel pit north of Claremont, was threatened with destruction when a serious blaze threatened to eliminate the bush. However, the timely arrival of the Claremont brigade and other help squelched the flames before they got completely out of control.

### Former Goodwood Man 94 Years Old

Next Monday Mr. Jonathan Stafford of Vancouver, B.C., will reach his 94th birthday. He is a native of Goodwood, Ontario, and member of the well-known Stafford family that lived there during their lifetime. A brother Calvin and a sister, Mrs. Johnson (Stouffville) who died some years ago, were well known in Stouffville. Jonathan is the last of the family of Staffords who settled at Goodwood early in the last century. Jonathan settled in Western Canada when a young man, and was successful in business during his active days.

### RURAL PROPERTY CHANGES

Mr. H. W. Moyer, Willoughby real estate agent, reports the sale of two properties, one in Lemonville and one at Almira. The frame house and half acre lot belonging to Mr. Wilson in the 7th con. village has been sold to Clarence Hood. Ed. Nigh has disposed of his house and three-acre place at Almira, the buyer being Andrew Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson is holding an auction sale on his present farm, after which he will move into his newly acquired home. He has purchased the Bennett trucking business.

Miss Ethel Goudie is spending a short time at the home of her brother in Seaforth.

### DAYLIGHT TIME

In accordance with the consent of the municipal council, daylight saving time will be observed in Stouffville, starting Sunday, April 24, beginning Saturday at midnight, and continuing to the last Sunday in November, which is longer than heretofore, but is in accordance with city time in Toronto and other Ontario cities.

## Flower Folks Mark 35 Years' Activity

Prof. J. C. Weall, teacher at the O.A.C., Guelph, delighted a large gathering in Veterans' Hall on Monday evening which marked the 25th anniversary of the Stouffville Horticultural Society. The speaker's instruction on landscape gardening coupled with his ready wit was made even more interesting and arresting by his pictorial work. His address seemed to unfold simultaneously by both word and pencil sketch.

President Bert Miller said the objective of the society this year was a membership of at least 400. He extended cordial greetings. Mr. John F. Clark acted as chairman.

A. V. Nolan, reeve of Stouffville, George Saunders, and E. R. Good, past presidents, spoke, also Mr. J. Tiffin, Scarborough, while musical numbers were rendered by the Baker Hill Ladies' Octette. Mr. Cliff Salmon was at the piano. Past President Harry Klinck gave a review of the society's activities and accomplishments over the past quarter of a century.

Mr. Elmore Barkey who recently sold his farm on the 6th concession, Whitchurch, and whose public auction farm sale will be held Wednesday next week, April 20, has purchased a lot on the Whitchurch-Markham townline at the Foote farm. Mr. Barkey intends to build a house there this summer.

## Local Hobby-Crafters Display Their Skill at High School



Shell Picture is displayed by Shirley Bone at the "hobby show" of Stouffville high

school last week. Shells of various colors were put together, framed under glass.

Loreen Talbot demonstrates use of a hand loom. She is a pupil in Grade XIII. Wood

carving is a popular hobby, too, and many exhibits were on display at the school.