

CAMPAIGN FOR ARENA ON LAST QUARTER

Markham Farmer Faces Charges

Constable Clarence Wideman received a hurried call to the neighborhood of Victoria Square on Sunday night, and found that J. D. McKendry of Willoughby had been sideswiped by a motorist who failed to stop. All that McKendry could tell the constable was he had been hit by a big Buick car, which seemed to swerve from its own side of the road right at him.

Constable Wideman later found a hub cap lying at the side of the road and set out to locate the hit and run driver. He found the car several miles away, with a man slouched down as if sleeping. Bruce Wallace was thereupon placed under arrest and faces several charges, one of which is leaving the scene of an accident. Wallace is a township farmer with a family of five children.

North York Liberals to Call Annual Meeting

According to a report in the Newmarket Era the Liberal Association of North York which now includes the township of Markham and the villages of Markham and Stouffville, will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, at Armour Heights public school.

Invited to address the meeting is Hon. Paul Martin, minister of health, along with local speakers. J. E. Smith, M.P., is likely to be chosen candidate again. Only recently returned from Ottawa, Mr. Smith started to tour the riding when he was taken down with the flu, but he anticipates getting around shortly.

Seek to Improve Town Property

Messrs. Brown, A. E. Weldon, and E. R. Good, representing the Stouffville Horticultural Society made a request to the local municipal council that the town lot adjacent to the C.N.R. be cleared so that the society might go ahead with a beautification program on this site.

The clerk was instructed to request Mr. Nevel to remove his building which is at present situated there under a 60-day agreement. However, council pointed out that they must have some storage space for hydro supplies, and a place easily accessible in the winter months, and while they heartily endorsed the intentions of the society, they could not entirely relinquish their use of the lot for this purpose.

It was agreed that once the building is moved, the cellar should be filled in, and the front half of the lot be turned over to the flower people for improvement.

Markham Trailer Camp Gets the "Green Light"

"I think it's about time we stopped dallying around and did something with this man's request," declared Councillor Harry Barber before Markham Council Monday night, in reference to an application for a tourist cabin camp in Markham township.

A man named Matthews had visited council meeting after council meeting pressing his request for a permit. Council had spent much time debating the issue. Reeve Griffin opposed granting a permit at this time. Other members including Councillor Barber admitted the delaying tactics were unfair to Matthews, and favored granting him the right to proceed whether any more permits are issued or not.

Mr. Barber's resolution read: That this council offer no objection to opening a tourist cabin camp at lot 10, con. S, by Mr. Matthews, providing he obtains a permit from the building inspector, and that the property is included in a registered plan.

Reeve Griffin called for a recorded vote, and stood alone against granting Matthews the right to proceed.

Mrs. G.R.W. Thomas is resuming her duties at the library after an enforced holiday during which time she was a hospital patient.

Over Five Hundred Attend Lectures on Temperance

At a special session of the executive of the North York Unit of the Ontario Temperance Federation, held at the home of the president, Dr. J. P. Wilson, Richmond Hill, this month, encouraging reports were given of the series of the five sectional Rallies on "The Alcohol Problem" which were held during the past winter in Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Aurora, and Keswick.

They took the form of a school, progressing from one plan of the subject to another, by means of sound films and a different speaker for each meeting, who is a specialist in each line of the thought developed on the subject. They were: Rev. Albert Johnston, acting general secretary, Ontario Temperance Federation; David Archibald, Psychiatric Social Worker, whose subject was "Alcoholics Anonymous;" Royal Moulton, one of the Field Workers for the Ontario Temperance Federation; Lorne Shewfelt, M.A., a young man active in Youth work; and Rev. W. B. Smith, B.A., a prominent minister in Toronto.

These meetings were held in the evening with an aggregate of over 500 in attendance and offerings amounted to over \$100.00.

The local committees rendered enthusiastic co-operation. Several young people gave numbers in recitation. At Newmarket the Christian Businessmen's Quartette, and at Stouffville, the Baker Hill Octette participated. At Richmond Hill and Aurora a number of youths gave musical numbers.

The Teacher Training Department of the Ontario Religious Educational Committee agrees that any person attending three meetings and writing a satisfactory assignment on the temperance problem will be given a credit for a half unit on their teaching training course.

This series of meetings was so encouraging that the Provincial Temperance office staff urges other unit organizations to follow similar programs in the areas where they serve.

At the above mentioned meeting of North York's Executive, appreciation was expressed for the fine County Convention that followed this series of Rallies. Reports of the year's work, the recitations and orations of the 12 young people in the temperance oratorical contest, and the introduction of and the address by the new field worker, Rev. D. C. McLelland, all gave fresh hope for the present and future possibilities of overcoming humanities physical, moral and spiritual deadly foe, Alcoholism.

Therefore this executive considered additional temperance courses for the county, about which further particulars will be published later. They also planned for thorough publicizing of the Ontario Provincial Temperance Convention, to be held at Park Road Baptist Church, Toronto, Easter week, April 20th and 21st, especially the Youth Rally on Thursday evening, April 21st, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that North York alone will have at least 100 youths at this Rally. Plans were made for special attractions and entertainment for them by the County.

60 Contestants Compete In Local Musical Show

Some sixty different contestants took part in the Youth For Christ Sacred Musical Festival, which drew to a close last Saturday night. The adjudicators throughout the three night festival were Mrs. David Gordon of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and Mr. David Tees, of Fairlawn United Church, Toronto, in the piano and vocal classes respectively.

The prize winners in each class are as follows in order of merit: Piano Class—under 12 years, Patricia Parker, Mary Pennanen, Barbara Hastings; under 16 years, Louise Clark, Doris Steckley and Phyllis Paisley (tied); open, Coral Perkins, Gladys Ratcliff, Lois Mc-

Public School Principal Loses Mother

The death of Mrs. John Watson over the weekend at the home of her son Cedric, principal of Stouffville public school, took a lifetime resident of the district from our midst. Mrs. Watson, over 80 years of age, was born at Goodwood, a daughter of the late Isaac Purdy.

She was married to John Watson and the couple took up farming in the township of Uxbridge and later moved to the 10th concession of Markham where Mr. Watson died a few years ago. Two sons, Cedric and Carl, survive the parents.

The funeral from the late home on Tenth street, Stouffville, took place on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. F. H. Muir conducted the private service, and interment was made in the family plot at Goodwood cemetery.

Crowds Mourn 3-Year-Old Child

Although a delicate child 3-year-old Keith Pattenden, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pattenden, 6th concession, Whitechurch, died with startling suddenness on Good Friday. Little Keith suffered a kidney condition and spent months in the Sick Children's Hospital last year. Although not fully recovered the child came home, played about like other children and looked quite robust. However, he had to be on a strict diet, and avoid colds, if possible. He did contract one however, and was kept in bed. His mother had taken him in her arms for a time, and when the child said he would like to lie down again, he had scarcely touched the pillow when he was gone.

Crowds came to the Pattenden home on Sunday to offer their sympathies. Keith was laid away in Lemonville cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. N. Moddle and Rev. Norman Rowan conducting the service. Four youths were pall bearers, Cecil and Douglas Lloyd, Rae Cook and John Pugh.

Besides the grief-stricken parents three sisters and one brother also survive, Joyce 10 years, Ross 8, Donna 6, and Marilyn 4.

Wants Water For New Subdivision

Mr. Win Timbers made representation to Stouffville Council at their last regular meeting regarding the laying of a main on the new subdivision which he is opening on the corner of the 9th con. and the townline. A street has already been opened up running north and south, and a house or two is expected to go up their this summer. Council explained to Mr. Timbers that he would have to bear the cost of the installation which was roughly estimated at \$1500. It was also deemed advisable that a hydrant should be placed on the new street. Councillors Ratcliff and Baker will look over the situation and advise on the best place to enter the town water system.

Mr. David Crosier, Altona, was removed to St. Michael's Hospital on Sunday.

Decomposed Body Of Baby Found Near Brougham

The badly decomposed body of a very young child was discovered Thursday evening in a clump of bushes about one-half mile east of Brougham. Provincial police under the direction of Inspector W. H. Clark are following meagre clues as to who the parents might be and who placed the body there.

The female child was wrapped in an old blanket and it was only after a lengthy examination that Oshawa pathologist Dr. H. G. Pritzker was able to establish a few facts about the body. Apparently there were no marks of violence, although further examination will be made to confirm this.

George Paudash, 28, 148 Queen Street, Lindsay, discovered the body and came to Whitby where he reported to Sergeant Ronald Love who was on duty at the town police office.

The remains were taken to a Pickering undertaking parlour. Spot where the body was found is 25 yards from the edge of the highway and just west of a clearing which extended into the bush for nearly 50 yards.

Although badly decomposed it has been established the infant was a female and about a month old.

Police believe the body may have been lying there over a month before it was found by Paudash. Paudash, who was visiting friends in Brougham, was walking at the side of the highway when he saw the blanket in the bushes, some 25 yards from the south edge of the road.

He climbed the fence and went to the spot, where he found the body of the girl covered by the blanket and wrapped in several pieces of sacking.

"My Three Children Come First"

A man named Allison told Markham Council Monday evening that he would have to proceed with a temporary building on his 50 foot lot on No. 7 highway at Unionville whether he obtained a permit or not. Allison said that he had no place to go, that he is being forced out of the place he now occupies, and that he is prepared to proceed with the erection of a business building on his 50 foot lot with living apartment above. "I have the material all ordered and it will be here in three weeks," said Allison. "If you men refuse me the right to put up a temporary place, I will just have to proceed anyway and takes the chance." He would do this rather than have his wife and children dumped onto the roadside, or seek relief from council. Allison said if council could not do something, he would be forced to, since "my three children come first."

Allison is breaking ground on No. 7 highway in Unionville for a new hardware building with an apartment above, but his brother, he claimed, was forcing him out of his present abode, and he had to have a place while he was erecting his building.

Councillor R. Rae pointed out that a similar request before council last meeting was refused. He couldn't see how council could grant one a permit and refuse others.

Council refused Allison the right to build a temporary dwelling, and Reeve Griffin warned him what the consequences of defying the bylaw might be.

Tree Crashes Truck Near Markham

During a stiff gale on Monday a peculiar accident overtook a truck driver in Markham Township, when Gordon J. Brown of Brown's Corners narrowly escaped being killed. A huge limb blew off a roadside tree, and fell across the cab of his truck as he was proceeding along No. 7 highway. The limb crashed in the cab and the driver sustained injuries to his chest and a possible fracture of the skull, as well as internal injury.

Keep in mind the big bingo this Thursday night in the Veterans' Hall under the auspices of the I.O.O.F.

Expect to Reach \$50,000 Goal in Week - Urge Speed in Letting Contract

The final drive is underway for the last \$12,000 in the campaign for \$50,000 to install artificial ice in the local arena. Latest figures this Wednesday morning, show a total of slightly over \$38,000 subscribed in the two and a half weeks of canvassing. The army of canvassers will be bending every effort to reach the goal by the end of next week, so that the company may be formed and contracts gone into immediately.

Shareholders in the proposed Stouffville Arena Company attended a meeting in the Veterans' Hall on Tuesday evening, and were addressed by representatives of the Canadian Ice Machinery Co., and John Inglis Co., two prospective tenderers on the new ice plant for Stouffville.

Rev. Douglas Davis was named chairman and called on Geo. Allison and others present for their views and information regarding the project. Mr. Allison, chairman of the committee in charge of the canvass for \$50,000 reported a total subscription up to that time of \$36,500. Mr. Allison reported on having contractors on the ground, and suggestions regarding additions and changes in structure at the arena. He told the shareholders that it would require approximately two months to install the ice plant once a contract was let.

Mr. Nevel, for the John Inglis Co., quoted prices from \$27,900 to \$33,000 for single and double unit ice plants, either manual or automatic. He also spoke briefly on the addition of a domestic ice plant which could be operated with the same machinery.

Mr. Barton and Mr. Bower of the Canadian Ice Machinery Co. told the audience that their firm had installed sixty ice arena plants across Canada, eight in Ontario last season. Mr. Barton had inspected the present arena and found it quite suitable for an ice plant with the additions which the committee has conceived.

Morley Symes, contractor, was asked for figures on cost of a 24' addition to the south end of the arena. Mr. Symes stated that he could not give an exact figure as he had had little time to look over

the situation, but from his brief inspection he estimated the south end addition at \$5,000 to \$6,000, seats and basement extra. This is where the committee have conceived of an additional five hundred seats, with dressing rooms beneath, and a basement for the ice plant.

Mr. F. L. Button sketched briefly the procedure for forming the Joint Stock Company, and it was agreed that the final drive to reach the \$50,000 goal should proceed with all speed.

Car Hits Train At Unionville

Two women escaped uninjured at Unionville on Saturday when their car collided with a C.N.R. passenger train at the No. 7 highway level crossing. The car was only slightly damaged. It was driven by Mabel Edward, Stirling St., Hamilton, a retired school teacher, with one passenger, a friend, uninjured.

A line-up of cars was waiting at the crossing but Miss Edward apparently didn't realize the train was coming. She swung her car to avoid a crash but was unable to stop in time.

Miss Edward calmly assisted a woman companion from the car, and after making arrangements to have it repaired, secured a ride from the other motorists to her summer home at Clear Lake, near Peterboro, where she was heading.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, Lakeview post office in the Port Credit district, spent a couple of days at the home of his sister, Mrs. T. C. Gostick.

Lloyd Coxworth, rural mail courier out of Markham is breaking ground for a new house on the 8th concession of Markham at Wideman's Corners where he has three acres of land.

Mr. Stan Darling, District Governor of District A-3, will pay his official visit to the Stouffville Lions Club next Monday evening. Mr. Darling comes from Peterborough, and his presence is expected to bring a capacity crowd to the meeting.

Province Will Not Approve Dismissal of Road Boss

Members of North Gwillimbury Township Council found out at the last council meeting that the Road Superintendent, Angus King, was in the right when he refused to resign because a majority of Councillors said they wanted his replacement.

When the Councillors passed a resolution dismissing the Superintendent, the Ontario Government's officials tossed it right back at the majority of council, and told them that the Province of Ontario, as represented by the District Engineer, is completely satisfied with the calibre of work done by the Road Superintendent.

As the Province of Ontario pays for half the cost of all roadwork in North Gwillimbury, including half the Superintendent's salary, the majority members of Council, Dep. Reeve Doyle and Councillors Jim Clark and Lloyd Stiles, have merely found out that they can do nothing.

The majority members had sent to the province, a request for dismissal of Road Superintendent King on which they had noted refusal to carry out instructions of council; even citing months in which he ignored instructions. (The instructions were that the Road Superintendent was to stay with the workmen, supervising their work.) Since receipt of the Provincial Engineer's letter, read to council last week, is the Province's final word with regard to the N. Gwillimbury motion; by a majority of council, there can be

no further action taken. Since a resolution of Township Council is disregarded by the Province, the only assumption for the people of the township who are dissatisfied is to sit back and figure that their Road Superintendent has a lifetime appointment.

Says Department is Satisfied
The letter from Engineer Jas. V. Ludgate, as read out to the Council at first recounted the fact that no municipal council can alter the by-law of appointment of a Road Superintendent without consent of the Minister of Highways. Then Mr. Ludgate told the council: "If such a by-law came in, effecting dismissal, I would not recommend such approval to the Minister, as I am not satisfied that Mr. King's actions or lack of action has been such as to cause a dismissal."

Suggest Cutting Super's Salary
Councillor Stiles expressed opinion: "I don't think Jim Ludgate understands what we want." He further asked if it wouldn't be possible for a delegation to see the Provincial Dept. of Highways.

Councillor Clark expressed himself as extremely dissatisfied with reply by Mr. Ludgate and urged that the township exercise its control over purse strings, as all the Province pays is half what the township pays for its roadwork and employees.

Councillor Clark moved that the Road Superintendent's salary be reduced to \$500 per year, but the motion was lost as no other Councilman spoke to second it.