

## Jack Smith Unopposed as Liberal Candidate Again In North York Riding

More than five hundred delegates, representative of all parts of the riding, attended the annual meeting and nomination of the North York Liberal Association held at Armour Heights School, North York Township Saturday afternoon.

Jack Smith, editor and publisher of The Liberal and M.P. for North York since 1945 was tendered the unanimous nomination after James Colby of North York Township, only other nominee, withdrew in his favour. Brigadier Colin Campbell, O.B.E. of Woodbridge was elected president succeeding Ross Linton of Aurora, and other officers include: vice presidents, James Colby, North York Twp.; William Kierstead, North York Twp.; Charles Vanzant, Newmarket; Bruce McMillan, Queensville; secretary, Peter Burt, 70 Brooke Ave.; treasurer, Col Ken Stiver, Newmarket.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport was the main speaker and others who addressed the gathering included David Croil, K.C., M.P., D. G. McNish, President of the Toronto and Yorks Liberal Association, N. L. Matthews, K.C. President of Ontario Liberal Association, and prominent Liberals seated on the platform included Hon. W. P. Mulock, former M.P.P. for North York, and riding officers.

In his acceptance speech Jack Smith thanked the people of North York for their expression of confidence and continuing said, "It has been a great honor and privilege to have served as the representative of this historic riding in the last Parliament, and I have tried honestly and sincerely to serve you well. I have tried to serve the best interests of North York and the nation as a whole. I have tried sincerely to serve without fear or favor all the people of North York, irrespective of party, race, creed, color or religion, and so this afternoon I have no hesitation in appealing to all the people of North York, irrespective of party affiliation—I have no hesitation in appealing at this time for the support of all the people of North York who seriously and sincerely want a strong government in Canada for the next five years.

I wish to take this opportunity too of acknowledging the many kind offers of assistance and support which I have received from members of other political parties, who after a thoughtful survey of the present political situation in Canada have come to the conclusion—the logical conclusion—that at this time, in this riding, the best way to cast an effective vote for strong government is to vote for the Liberal candidate.

Let us not forget that we are living in a world still troubled and disorganized after a devastating war, a world where peace still does not reign four years after the war, a world where there are still threats of economic chaos and even threats of war itself. At such a time I believe the people of Canada are more concerned, and rightly more concerned, with having a strong government of proven experience, than they are concerned with partisanship or political stunt-flying.

I submit that this is a time when in our political thinking we should banish partisanship and prejudice and vote in the best interest of the future welfare of Canada.

I believe in all honesty and sincerity that the future welfare of Canada can be served best at this time by the re-election of the government led by a great statesman and a fine Canadian, Rt. Hon. Louis Stephen St. Laurent, who has filled the high office of Prime Minister with honor and reputation, with dignity and with credit to himself and all Canada, a government which has been tried and tested, a government which gave the Canadian people leadership during the dark days of World

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The fire-gutted old Swift garage building on Main Street opposite Miss Gertrude Todd's residence is being torn down by Mr. Don Bacon. The unsightly building has been an eye-sore, but in its place we understand the Canadian Oil Co. will some day erect a modern service station here.



J. E. "Jack" Smith  
Richmond Hill editor and publisher and M.P. for North York since 1945 who was tendered a unanimous nomination last Saturday.

## Markham Council Should Study Situation Now Under Complaint

Markham Township has a building bylaw, but it doesn't help the locality of Ringwood, one would gather from the poor class of buildings going up east of the hamlet on the road to Stouffville.

If the township bylaw allows a situation to develop such as one sees in that area, it would seem to be sadly lacking in some respect.

A citizen living in the locality was deploring the situation to the publishers last week, and asked us to bring the matter to public attention. In doing this the newspaper would suggest that the building inspector for Markham, Mr. Ross Norton, visit the district and if he finds that the township bylaw does not regulate the situation, then it would seem to be the duty of council to insert a clause so that farmers come under reasonable control as well as other residents of Markham.

In the district east of Ringwood the presence of low quality buildings will discourage a good class of homes being built, consequently a "shack town" in a lovely location like this loses the township taxes by keeping away better buildings.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Baker, Stouffville, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Doris Mae Elizabeth, to Neil Wilfred McLean, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLean, Woodville. The marriage will take place Saturday, May 28th, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moyer announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Edna, to Robert Arthur McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley McDowell. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, June 1st, 1949, at their home at Dickson's Hill.

## Residents Protest Foul-Smelling Creek

There is a foul smell emanating from the creek which crosses Main Street west of the Presbyterian church about 500 feet. Residents on Main Street appeared before council on Thursday night and protested the matter, asking for some relief.

It was pointed out that house drains emanating wash water and some hooked to septic tanks were drained into the creek on north Church Street. One member said that these drains are emptying into the creek all down the street, and the reeve said he believed there were many septic tanks or cess pools dumping into the creek illegally.

Council didn't know just what to do about the matter, but promised to send the protest on to the Board of Health. Dr. Freel said he had had notice already, and suggested that one solution would be to give each house the "colouring test." This is merely a matter of pouring a certain substance into the toilet, and this would immediately show itself at the outlet of the drain from each individual cess pool. By this method it would be learned whether or not a cess pool or septic tank is emptying into the creek. Where this proved to be the case, owners could be given a limited time to abate the nuisance before legal action would be taken. It is unlawful to drain a septic tank into a creek unless the drain is protected by a filter bed.

The drainage problem is growing more and more complicated in Stouffville, and because of this Dr. Freel is urging the council to enact a bylaw governing all drainage in the municipality, and forbidding the installing of a septic tank without a permit and proper inspection. Steps will be taken immediately to formulate such a bylaw. Reeve Nolan promised the M.O.H.

## Unionville Residence Sold by Auction

The James Camplin residence in the village of Unionville was sold at a public auction sale of furniture held on the premises there last Saturday, and conducted by Prentice & Prentice, auctioneers. Harry Coatsup was the purchaser, and the sale price was \$6,200. Mrs. James Camplin who came from a farm at Greenbank with her husband, (since deceased) retired in Unionville years ago. She is 95 years of age and lives in Toronto, so had no further use for the home in the village.

It is interesting to note that this is the third auction sale held by the Camplins where Ken Prentice officiated as auctioneer.

## Changes in Parking Restrictions

After consultation with Constable Rusnell, the local municipal council instructed the constable to restrict parking on the north side of Main Street between Stouffville Motors and the former Ed. Davey property, at all times.

Heretofore, the restrictions had only been enforced on open nights. The stretch of roadway west of the former Davey home and having a low curb, will be again open for parking on the boulevard.

## Stouffville Arena Company Formed, Shareholders Vote To Erect New Building

### Charter Applied For Capitalize at \$100,000

At a meeting of shareholders on Wednesday evening the Stouffville Arena Company was born. The Company will be capitalized at \$100,000. At the moment buyers signified in writing their willingness to purchase more than \$52,000 worth of the stock.

Mr. Button explained that the company could obtain a charter with authorized capital of \$100,000 at little additional cost over \$60,000. He thought it well to provide the \$100,000 even though the concern may never need this amount but one never knows what is in the future.

Seven preliminary directors of the Company were elected from fifteen candidates nominated. They are Messrs. Geo. Allison, Reg. Button, Morley Symes, Bert Bell, Dr. Bodendistel, Gar Lehman and Chas. Nolan.

Following the election the meeting was thrown open for discussion, and the question of erecting a new arena as against purchasing and repairing the present building was put to a vote and passed practically unanimously in favour of a new structure.

With this in view, the directors will bring in figures on such a job, at the next shareholders' meeting, which will be called on receipt of the company charter, and preparation of the stock. Some estimates on changes possible in the present area will also be made available to the shareholders. The matter of site, should the erection of a new building be proceeded with, will also be advised on by the directors.

Rev. D. Davis acted as chairman of the meeting, and was assisted with the legal procedure of company formation by Mr. F. L. Button. Messrs. Gib Wright and Evertton Smith acted as scrutineers for the election.

## Victoria Square Farm In Family 80 Years Sold

The well known and attractively located farm occupied and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins, 4th concession of Markham, at Victoria Square, was sold this week to a Brockville purchaser, T. Webster.

The 100 acres place in the family for over 80 years, was first purchased by Grandfather William Lundy, and was acquired by Ralph Perkins 49 years ago. He now thinks it is time to retire, but naturally he parts with the place with considerable regret.

The sale price was \$20,000. The property is not only in a fine district, but is equipped with hydro and necessary buildings in-keeping with the district, with a good brick residence.

As the sale has just been arranged Mr. Perkins could not say where he would move, but he has an open invitation to locate in Stouffville.

Misses Betty and Eunice Woodland were in Hamilton over the weekend visiting their aunt, Mrs. Irvin Lockie.

## Heavy Truck Haulage Dangerous in Town

The seemingly endless stream of trucks hauling gravel through town the past week, is moving from the pits of Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co., at Gravel Hill, north of town, to the plant of the MacLean Publishing Co. on north Yonge Street, where the company is completing a huge building program.

We understand the movement from the pit through town will ease off after this big order is filled the middle of this week. Heavy trucks hauling nine and ten tons a load are dangerous passing through the heavy traffic in town, and while it would be safer to route them west from Lincolnville and down the 9th of Whitechurch, it would be a matter of choice for the truckers. Naturally they are going to travel the smoothest road, and that brings them through town, and so long as they obey the traffic laws of 30 miles and less in congested traffic, they are within their rights.

## School Tax \$167 On 100 Acres

Farmers are anxiously waiting for their tax slips shortly to be issued in the Township of Markham, since it is well known that there will be a substantial increase in the over-all tax rate. Matters beyond the control of the council, such as educational costs, and county taxes, are advanced. In view of the fact that the bill will be quite substantial, perhaps it is a good thing the payments will be divided into two instalments this year, June 30 and October 30.

Under the 1949 tax levies a farm assessed for \$6,700 will be taxed \$167 for education levies alone, but the overall taxes will be \$263.62. It will be readily stated that the educational costs alone present tax enough for any 100 acres but the fact is it is just one item. Farmers and others are finding that unless there is some curb put on mounting educational costs, they will be taxed off the land, according to one farmer speaking to the press in Unionville on Monday.

## Lightning Struck Stump Threatened Farm Barns

This is the day (Thursday) of great excitement down on the J.A. McCreight farm south of Locust Hill on the Scarboro-Markham townline, for the auction sale of stock and implements will be held according to announcement in this paper the past few weeks.

Last week when a thunder storm passed over this district a stump fence on the McCreight farm was struck by lightning, and started a lively fire. Since the old fence is within a few rods of the farm buildings there was some excitement before it was put out, and so this Thursday's commotion on the same rounds follows the excitement of last week.

## Hardtop Mile of Town Streets

Considerable time was spent in discussion on this summer's road program at the regular meeting of Stouffville Municipal Council on Thursday evening. There was no hard-surfacing done last year, but considerable gravel and oil was used on the streets still untreated. This year the council is contracting for a mile of pavement at a cost of approximately \$3,000. With the completion of the 1949 program only a very few streets will remain unsurfaced.

A small amount of oil or calcium will be used on a few of the short streets.

Mr. Earl Keith and Mr. Harris, solicitor of Uxbridge and Port Perry interviewed council concerning the taking over of the 120 feet of roadway running east from Baker Ave. to the Fred Chessman residence. Mr. Harris stated that the strip of road had been deeded to the town. However, Reeve Nolan stated, that while this might be true, the municipality had not accepted the roadway since it was not properly ditched and gravelled, a condition governing all such undertakings.

Mr. Keith told council that he had had five prospective buyers for lots along the road, and that he would have ditched and gravelled it himself if the ownership had been left in his hands.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the road committee should meet on the ground with the other property owners adjacent to the street, and work out an agreement in which all would share cost of gravel and grading.

Delbert Booth enquired as to the restrictions governing the erection of a processing plant in town. Mr. Booth was informed that there were no building restrictions in this regard, but he would be governed by the Health Act.

Council agreed that a bylaw would be passed for the proposed plant on the present Booth property at the east end, when architect's plans had been approved by the Department of Health.

The Booth poultry plant was recently amalgamated with the Marshall Hatchery at Kettleby, and the new firm hopes to erect a fine new building here, costing in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The Booth property contains 6 acres of land south of the present buildings.

A move to have the pillars at the entrance to Memorial Park, rebuilt up at Main Street, is awaiting further investigation by council.

The pillars are in a very bad state of repair, but council hesitated with giving the "go" sign on the job, when it was found to be going to cost from \$300 to \$400.

Council acknowledge the fact if no parking can be done in some town departments, the 1949 tax rate will definitely be increased, due directly to increased school costs over which council have no control.

Three tenders were received for the laying of 450 ft. of new sidewalk on Orchard Park Blvd., at the west end. The interested ratepayers will be advised of the cost, and if they agree to go ahead with the work, a properly signed petition must be presented at the next council meeting. No sidewalk commitments can be undertaken following the striking of the tax rate.

## Lions Begin Eye Survey for Pupils In Both Schools

Beginning this Wednesday, Stouffville Lions Club is sponsoring an eye survey of the nearly four hundred pupils in the local public and high schools. The project is being carried out by the Lions Health and Welfare Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Nell Smith.

Arthur A. M. Stemp, optometrist, will conduct the work over a period of approximately a week. Mr. Stemp has handled similar surveys in Leaside and Markham with considerable success. Our children's eyes are a precious possession, and if only a minimum of defects are discovered, the survey will have been worth while. Parents will be advised by the committee if any of their children's eyes require attention.

One week from next Tuesday will be the 24th of May and a public holiday.

## Leslie Frost, New Premier of Ontario, and Cabinet Sworn In



Swearing-in ceremonies took place at Toronto, Ont., when Ontario's Premier Leslie Frost and his new cabinet took the oath of office. With two exceptions, the members of the cabinet are the ones who served under Tom Kennedy, retiring premier. The changes

in personnel involved Leslie Blackwell and Welland Gemmill. Mr. Blackwell dropped out as attorney-general and Mr. Gemmill came in as minister of mines. Two of the portfolios, education and reform institutions, have been filled

only temporarily. Ontario's new cabinet is shown here. From left, front row: George Dunbar, municipal affairs and reform institutions; T. L. Kennedy, agriculture; Premier Frost; George Doucet, highways and public works. Back row: Welland Gemmill, mines;

Louis Cecile, travel and publicity; Harold Scott, lands and forests; W. Griesinger, planning and development; Charles Daley, labor; Dana Porter, attorney-general and education; W. A. Goodfellow, welfare; Arthur Welsh, liquor control board.